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## HOW FLANDERS KEPT HIS JOB

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BEHIND the baize covered portal it screens the penetralia of the secret service Tower, the chief, [illegible] of its mysteries [illegible] occasion obviously an[illegible]. Wrath hung out a brick red [illegible] upon his face, his scorn [illegible] Flanders, the victim, [illegible] certainly certain that every [illegible] impressive opinions was [illegible] the listen is outside. [illegible] the chief was ready to [illegible] Flanders. It ap[illegible] the most logical candidate [illegible] the list to fail in the [illegible]. Through some un[illegible] the quarry had slipped [illegible] the department's fingers and [illegible] hands were being ripped [illegible]. In vain Flan[illegible] [illegible] at first and then [illegible].

"[illegible]," he cried, "it ain't [illegible]. I tell you that now. That [illegible] soles from the railroad [illegible]. There's that Piercy at the [illegible]—why he ain't worth the [illegible] doughnut in much less to [illegible] after a big un like Doc [illegible]. Why—"

[illegible] with a gesture of disdain [illegible]. "That's all right. I'm [illegible]. You're pretty forward with your [illegible], but you can't dodge me [illegible] blaming us. It's always he [illegible] to blame."

"Why the the—" Flanders usually [illegible] speech failed him at this juncture, though his mind worked busily [illegible] some blood curdling expression [illegible] the opinion of the railroad detective. "I'll fix him. I'll— when I see him," he cried. "I'll knock his—"

"You'll do nothing of the sort," the chief corrected. "I'll have no men in this office mixing up over there. Do you know him at all?"

"Him Piercy? No. I don't travel with that kind of cattle. Why look [illegible] chief, that fellow went down to Seed City where Doc Burdle hangs out like a [illegible]. It was with a brass band [illegible] there to find his man or [illegible]. Why, he might just as well have [illegible] a comet with a crossin' [illegible]. Dust! Did Burdle dust? Why, he went out of that like 2:40 on a down grade. You bet her that town ain't going to let Doc get took without a run for their money. Why, they're all in [illegible] together, the whole bloomin' hamlet."

Seed City was in the heart of the southwestern moonshine district and was notorious in the annals of the [illegible]. It was midway on the Alta [illegible] railroad, a spur that ran southward from the main line. A month before a gang of train robbers had held up the western mail, dynamited the express and postal cars and escaped unmolested with their booty. A dozen detectives had gone on the trail, Flanders the last of all. His investigation virtually assured him that Burdle, a notorious outlaw, was the [illegible] of the band, but before he could [illegible] certain and lay his man by the heels Piercy had arrived at Seed City [illegible] of time. It seemed to kick [illegible] out from under Flanders, [illegible] but even this explanation failed to satisfy the chief.

Tower leaned over to his desk and drew out a newspaper clipping, a scrap [illegible] the San Inferno Argus, a sheet [illegible] neighborly interest for Seed City. "You read that now," Flanders [illegible] exclaimed. "That's why [illegible] get to find that fellow."

Flanders read, his anger rising at [illegible]. The clipping was an anon[illegible] [illegible] from Seed City warning [illegible] detectives, investigators and others on [illegible] errands to steer clear [illegible] place under a penalty of a [illegible] of buckshot rattled again them.

"It's Doc Burdle for fair!" snapped [illegible].

"[illegible] you go after him," the chief [illegible]. "You get him or we say [illegible]. Is it goodby, Flanders?"

[illegible] men outside grinned when [illegible] came into view. "Goin' to [illegible] Hank," cried one.

"[illegible] better put on a boiler plate [illegible] you go. They've jes' bin [illegible] in this department."

[illegible] scornfully as ever. "[illegible] my chance, I guess. But I [illegible] the tip I'd feel better fixed if [illegible] on that chap Piercy. I'm [illegible]."

[illegible] four trains daily on the [illegible] railroad, two in the [illegible], two in the afternoon. A [illegible] sometimes piles up [illegible] the line, but usually the [illegible] are hauled on ahead of [illegible] coaches. The second [illegible] left the department [illegible] a free passenger astride [illegible] ward. Piercy, the road [illegible] sprawling on the express [illegible] when the [illegible] in with a demand for [illegible] train was just draw[illegible] San Inferno. There was an [illegible] in the smoker and he [illegible] the conductor said. [illegible] started on the buffers [illegible] at the last stop [illegible] that's no good, ran out [illegible]. An he offered to make [illegible] like the day after the night afore if [illegible] to [illegible] him. I ain't goin' to tackle him alone."

The detective [illegible] and swaggered aft to the smoker. "Hey, you," he [illegible] leaning over the man. "That ticket don't go here."

The man looked up. His legs were sprawled upon the seat in front and his hat was pulled down over his eyes.

The menace in the detective's eye filled him apparently with no other sensation than amusement, and when the detective looked him over as if measuring his might he returned the stare with interest. "Hey! You hear me?" Piercy asked.

"Sure. Think I'm deaf?"

"You look here, young feller. You pay up for this here ride or I'll sling you off this car harder'n a cotton bale. Hear me?"

"Say, boss, who is this chap?" the man demanded of the conductor. "He ain't got no brass fixin's like them [illegible], but [illegible] up a chap [illegible] down us for clothes. Who's the guy, anyhow?"

"I'll learn you who I am!" cried the detective, but the conductor pushed him aside.

"Come now, son. Pay up an' don't be lookin' for trouble. That's the railroad detective, an' you're likely to be thrown off in a minute too."

"Who? Piercy?" roared the man in the seat. His legs dropped from their attitude of ease and he rose with a gesture that drove back the others in sudden preparation for an affray. But then he fell to laughing outrageously. "Guess I'll settle then if it's Piercy. You takes the ticket to Polltown. I'll throw in two bits m—"

"You will not," cried the conductor. "Here, I ain't goin' to fool all day along with you. Pay up after we leave here or I'll pull you outer here an' sling you off at Seed City."

"You will, hey? Well, just you try it wunst!"

They were already drawing into San Inferno, and the conductor and the detective walked to the car door. The man in the seat, settling his legs upon the cushions, once more drew his hat brim over his eyes and, folding his arms, fell into an attitude of ease. Behind him was a long, thin mountaineer, a fellow with broad, bony hands and glittering eyes. He had awaited the climax of the negotiations between the train hands and the passenger, and now he leaned over and touched him on the shoulder. "Don't you give in, friend. It's Seed City next, an' there'll be a right smart crowd there to give you a hand." Then he fell back into his seat, and the other, smiling grimly, once more resumed his repose.

"Come now, pay up, young feller!" It was the conductor returning. Piercy stood at his shoulder, one hand on a seat back to steady himself against the swaying of the car, but the other hand was ready to grapple with his subject when the time should come, and Piercy, figuratively speaking, was a colossus of eagerness and a hero in his wrath.

The passenger rose. "Say," he demanded, "how long a ride to git to Seed City?"

"Three minutes runnin' time," snapped the conductor wrathfully, "an' the [illegible] another minute comin' to yet either! I'll give you thirty seconds now to put up or be put off." Here with ostentatious display he drew forth his watch, and the other laughed in his face.

"[illegible] up the time o' day!" he cried. "I ain't goin' to pay a cent!"

"Then off you go," cried Piercy, and grappled with him.

The din and swaying car, the shouts and cries of the affray, the tumult of the passengers and the roar of wheels beneath gave to the struggle a sinister effect. Piercy, his face purpling in exertion, strove to grasp his intended victim by the throat and was fought back against the conductor, who tried in vain to close in. A trainman running in through the rear door planned to take the stranger from behind, but the mountaineer, spreading his bulk in the aisle of the car, closed the path to the attack. Then through the tumult [illegible] the whistle of the engine [illegible] and another [illegible] man throwing open the [illegible] "Seed—" [illegible] jumb[illegible] [illegible] nature of the uproar, flung himself into the fight.

It is three to one

It was three to one, yet the battle raged with unabated violence. The train had come to a standstill, and an echo of the excitement within spread to the knot of loungers on the platform. There appeared to them one man fighting against four others, and the four all employees of the company. Piercy, with his hand upon the victim's throat, struggled to push him back [illegible] from the car platform, when with a sudden effort the man wrenched free and, stooping sideways, plunged the detective headlong from his hold. But the next instant Piercy had his pistol out and aimed a heavy blow at the other's head. It struck. Its force fell short, and yet before he could recover himself his opponent dashed a fist full in his face and ran.

"Stop him!" screamed the detective, whipping out his revolver. He leveled the sights at the running man, but the conductor interposed.

"Don't shoot, don't!" he cried, seizing up the muzzle, and the bullet spent harmlessly singing over the tree tops. Then [illegible] another shot could be fired the running target reached the shelter of the railroad shed, whipped round the corner and was gone. After him shouted Piercy, yelling. He sprang, the pistol held above his shoulder, [illegible] destruction in his eye. "After him," he called [illegible] to the train hands. But before they could respond a diversion utterly unexpected terminated the affair. Piercy had reached the shed when a hand outstretched knocked the pistol from his grasp, and he was lifted unmercifully by a sudden crunch of the station loungers and, bruised and bleeding, was lifted to the car and [illegible], dazed, to the mercy of the train. A shower of stones followed him, the crash of breaking glass sounded along the cars, and at full speed the train pulled out of Seed City carrying its doubtful honors with it.

Meanwhile in the woods that flank the Seed City station had the principal in the conflict stood, unconcerned by the men that had come violently to the rescue.

"You hit 'em an' out you did," cried one, and the man, looking round, saw that it was the tall mountaineer who had sat behind him in the car. "Why, boys," laughed the mountaineer, "he hit off the hull crew on the [illegible]." He was still laughing when a newcomer strode out of the bush and joined them. "What's up?" this one asked.

"Hello, Doc! You jes' missed it!" The tall mountaineer pointed in explanation to the stranger, and the newcomer eyed him keenly. "Well, what's it all about?" he demanded. The story was told, spiced with a flow of complimentary oaths, the picture drawn of the one man battling courageously with the oppressor, and when it was finished the man they had called Doc reached out his hand.

"Good for you!" he cried. "I'm right glad to meet you. My name's Burdle."

"Oh," said the other slowly. "Yer Doc Burdle, then."

"Right you are. You must hearn tell on me."

"Yes," said the other, his eyes [illegible], "[illegible] I have."

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Six weeks had passed since Flanders' departure without word or sign from him. The chief, uneasy at his long absence, was wondering whether he had not been too harsh, too ready to send him upon this mission. The death in a sense was wagered as the stakes. Now the best that Tower could do was to promise himself that on the following day he would send out a trailer to find what had become of the missing man.

Down the main line at this moment the operator at Gumbo Siding, in solitary possession of the place, was deeply lamenting the chance that had set him down as the surveying monarch of all its loneliness. Outside, the face of the landscape [illegible] in the torturing heat, the air droned with the shrill voices of a myriad of insects, and the breeze, a veritable furnace breath, added to the inferno with the dust it drew up in its train. In desperation the operator set to filing points on his sounders and keys, but this only increased his torment. The rasp of the tool added to the manifold sounds from the superheated world outside drove him to the brink of desperation. In disgust he threw down his file, shook the beads of sweat from his brow and was tipping a glass of tepid water from the barrel in the corner when a low voice broke in on his reflections.

"Say, you there."

At the window beside the keyboard a hand was holding up the curtain, and under it appeared a face, dust stained, burned to a copper red and set with two marvelously gleaming eyes. Startled, the operator dropped the tin cup clattering to the floor and leaped to one side. The next instant he was with his back to the wall, a pistol gleaming in the dull light of the shaded station.

"What do you want?" he demanded shrilly.

"Well, I swan," laughed the man. "The heat has got on ye nerves, son. [illegible] that. Put down that gun, you [illegible] headed brass pounder. I ain't goin' to hurt you."

But the operator was too old a bird [illegible] trapped. The man that had left [illegible] had been trapped [illegible] and tied down to [illegible] the western mail had been [illegible] in front of the siding, [illegible] and postal cars had [illegible] and then rifled of [illegible]. "Make a move if you [illegible]," [illegible] the operator, drawing a bead on the head in the window. "Don't you dare."

In answer the man tossed a scrap of paper through the window. "Quick! You rush that to the main office. Tell 'em to direct it to the chief, Tower. Tell 'em to get a hustle on, an' then skedaddle out o' this! You hear me? Skedaddle! Vamoose lively, cause it'll be hotter here afore long than the hottest dog days that Gehenna ever saw. But don't you forget to send that dispatch, or by Sam Houston you won't be worth the fat to fry a doughnut next time we run acrost each other. Adios, sonny, an' look out fer yourself."

The face vanished from the window, and the operator, a palsy upon him, still stood shaking against the wall. Outside the sounds of the day resumed their droning intonation, the breeze gasped fitfully, and then he cocked his ears, listening for some sign of stealthy attack. He became at last convinced that he was alone. With his revolver still ready he tiptoed across the floor and snatched up the scrap of paper. Then with a sharp glance about he read, and at the next instant had jumped to his instrument. "G—X, C—X, C—X," he called, his hand banging the key at frantic speed—"C—X, C—X, C—X." Somewhere down the line [illegible], the extreme limit of an operator, monotonously slow [illegible] with the [illegible]. "What's up?" Letter by letter "Gumbo" [illegible] him [illegible]. The key rattled and shook with reiterated appeal, "C—X, G—X, C—X," and then the main office answered.

Fluttering the paper before him, the operator laid his pistol upon it and bent with vigor to his key. With [illegible] hand he hammered the key till the room rang with the frantic clatter, but at every other letter he glanced fearfully over his shoulder. The dispatch read:

Rush [illegible] Tower, chief [illegible]. Burdle's [illegible] will hold up western mail [illegible] Gumbo [illegible] [illegible] FLANDERS. [illegible]

The operator added to the message of his own: "This is [illegible] going to [illegible] when the [illegible] [illegible]." But there [illegible] answer. The [illegible] obtrude [illegible] fishplates a [illegible] at the levers with his eye [illegible] over his shoulder. "Gumbo's [illegible]," call[illegible] the [illegible] of them [illegible] [illegible]. What's the order for H. M.? H.'s cut in on the [illegible] and got the news hot off the wire. Guess he [illegible] some.

H. M. was Haney's Mill, the next station east of Gumbo Siding. "Tell him to keep his mouth shut!" roared the dispatcher, snatching up the message from Gumbo and rushing to the [illegible] to meet the superintendent who had burst through the doorway. "[illegible] this, boss." The dispatcher thrust the message into the superintendent's hand and then was back at the [illegible].

Outside [illegible] the western mail [illegible] a fresh engine [illegible] down to reach the switch. "Hold her five minutes," the dispatcher ordered, "and tell those deputies to hurry. [illegible] from Tower yet. Ring up on the phone there. We can't wait all night."

But Tower himself at this moment bustled into the office. "It's all right," he cried. "Flanders is one of my men. He's a daisy. [illegible] they'd stretch[illegible] him out. Your men ready? I'm going too."

The dispatcher jumped from his chair and strode down the room. "Where's that idiot Piercy?" he demanded. "Ain't he ready yet?"

"He's coming, sir," was the answer.

"Coming, is he?" growled the dispatcher testily. "He always comin', but he don't ever seem to get anywhere. Oh, here you are, are you, Piercy?"

The road detective bustled in, a crowd of deputies at his shoulder.

"What's the orders?" he asked. The dispatcher thrust the message into his hand and then pushed him toward the door. "Read that and git," he cried. "The old man and Tower's going too. They'll tell you what to do."

The armed men at Piercy's back [illegible] right about, and the company tramped down the stairs. "There'll be a hot time in Gumbo tonight all right," muttered the dispatcher. "Wish I was with 'em."

Night had fallen, and the yard gleamed with switch lights like a field of fireflies when the western mail drove out into the open. Tower and the superintendent, armed with shotguns, sat in the cab with the engineer. "Don't keep 'em waitin'," the superintendent cautioned the only man at the levers. "I wouldn't disappoint them for the world." The engineer nodded, and the locomotive, toiling with harsh breath up the long ascent, faced the summit with a bound and ran rattling and swaying on the long down grade. "Gumbo's the last stop," laughed the superintendent. "We go by there flitting usually, but [illegible] will tackle the stretch sort of slow. I guess you'd better cut her down to half speed. Till—this is the engineer—when we leave the mill. I wouldn't care, but they've arranged to chain [illegible] off the iron."

In the baggage car behind, Piercy, all excitement, bustled about with his orders. Long before they reached Haney's Mill he had the lights out and the doors opened. Little heaps of buckshot cartridges lay within easy reach, and on the car platforms and other deputies guarded the weakest flanks of the train. Then the locomotive whistled, first the long, steady signal, then two short hoots. "That's Gumbo," cried Piercy. "Get to your places, men. An' mind—don't [illegible] the man in the white hat."

Ahead in the locomotive Tower peered across the engineer's shoulder into the distance, scanning every foot of the [illegible] in the [illegible] of the headlight. "There's a curve ahead," the engineer explained. "It won't slow till we've rounded the— By thunder, there they are now."

A black [illegible] of railroad [illegible] and [illegible] steel in the middle of the track. In the broad [illegible] of light the [illegible] instant [illegible] in the pale glow stood [illegible] straining up at the approaching train. Then it was gone. The brakes [illegible] with loud complaining upon the wheels, the cars shook [illegible] clanking, and with a heave on her springs the engine came to a halt.

"Hands up!" [illegible] out of [illegible]. "Hands up!"

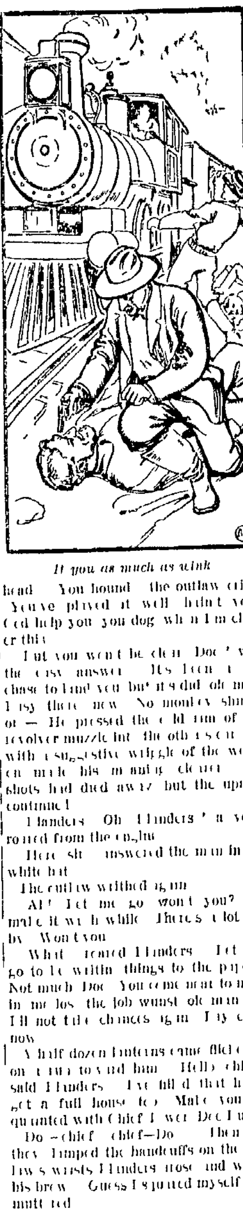
[illegible] itself [illegible] when a Winchester pointed at blank range into the cab. For a moment there was no answer, no noise save the shuffling gurgle of the [illegible] pump. Then a voice rang down the line. "It's a brown hat he wears, boys."

A stream of fire spurted from the cab, and the silence exploded with a crash. The night roared with the echo, and a scream of anguish pierced the thunders of the detonation. Then the stillness fell again for an instant, broken only by the sobbing measure of the pump. The cry of anguish had died with it, given and peace seemed assured when there was a sudden rush of feet [illegible].

"[illegible]," cried a voice.

A volley rattled from the cars. The air whistled with the questing lead, and cry upon cry followed. Shot to answered across the gloom. A voice screamed a warning to flight, the coaches in the rear resounded with a frightened uproar, and a man in a white hat, lost the right of way, sat waiting indifferently for the noise to end.

"If you as much as wink, Doc Burdle," he cautioned, "I'll scatter yer brains from one end of the map to the other."


If you as much as wink

A curse answered the warning, for the man in the white hat sat upon the chest of the other, a pistol held to his head. "You hound!" the outlaw cried. "You've played it well, hadn't you? God help you, you dog, when I'm clear of this."

"But you won't be clear, Doc," was the easy answer. "It's been a hot chase to land you, but it's did, old man. Easy there now. No monkey shines or—" He pressed the cold rim of the revolver muzzle into the other's ear, and with a suggestive wriggle of the weapon made his meaning clearer. The shots had died away, but the uproar continued.

"Flanders! Oh, Flanders!" a voice roared from the engine.

"Here, sir," answered the man in the white hat.

The outlaw writhed again.

"Ah! Let me go, won't you? I'll make it worth while. There's a lot put by. Won't you?"

"What?" roared Flanders. "Let you go to be writin' things to the papers? Not much, Doc. You come near to [illegible] me los' the job wunst, ol' man, an' I'll not take chances again. Lay easy, now."

A half dozen lanterns came flickering on a run toward him. "Hello, chief," said Flanders. "I've filled that hand, get a full house too. Make you acquainted with Chief Tower. Doc Burdle. Doc—chief, chief—Doc." Then as they clamped the handcuffs on the outlaw's wrists Flanders rose and wiped his brow. "Guess I squared myself," he muttered.

"And now," said the chief when he confronted Flanders in the baggage car, "perhaps you'll explain all this."

"Ain't much to explain, chief," Flanders answered. "I jus' got next to the Doc an' when the shootin' played up lively I give him a clip on the ear an' sat on his chest when he come to."

"But how in thunder did you get next to him?" demanded the chief.

"Real easy, chief. Evenin', Mr. Piercy."

For an instant the detective stared at Flanders, then with a menacing gesture leaped to his feet. The superintendent clutched him by the collar. "What's this mean?" he growled.

"Mean?" roared Piercy. "Why, it was this blasted outlaw here that hit me in the face at Seed City an' wrecked all the windows in the car. Why, I'd a' given my job to a met him wunst out there in the bush. I reckon then you'd never a' taken him alive."

Flanders turned to his chief, his face transfigured with merriment, but Tower started in astonishment. "Outlaw? What do you mean, Piercy? This is no outlaw. It's Flanders, one of my men."

Piercy's face fell, and Flanders laughed aloud. "You see, chief," he explained, "I needed a good excuse to get off at Seed City. If I'd jus' dropped in there without a good reason why, some of them guns might a' rattled a charge o' buckshot agin my ribs. So I sorter got Piercy here to throw me off. He did his best too, but I had it in for him, you know, an' made time fly. Then, you see, when I was shook off at the station why the Doc an' his gang took right natcherally to me—see? They let me in on the hull thing, an' what I got on to will give us the right to go down there an' run in the whole outfit from A to Z. Say, chief, guess my job's good yet, ain't it?"

"Good? Whew!" And the chief fell to laughing uproariously.

VICE ADMIRAL ITO, SAID TO BE IN SEARCH OF THE VLADIVOSTOK SQUADRON

Vice Admiral Yuko Ito is one of the most popular men in Japan. A short time before the opening of hostilities he disappeared, and at the same time several warships of the Japanese navy are said to have left Nagasaki. Since then nothing has been heard of him, and there is a theory that he is hunting the powerful Vladivostok cruiser squadron. Ito was the hero of the Yalu river sea fight during the Chino-Japanese war, being in command of the fleet which put practically all the Chinese vessels engaged out of commission. He is sixty years of age.

## How the Judge Got His Revenge

THE judge had had his patience [illegible] tried by lawyers who wished to talk and by men who tried to evade jury service. Between hypothetical questions and excuses it seemed as if they never would get to the actual trial of the case. So when the [illegible] little German who had been accepted by both sides jumped up the judge was exasperated.

"Shudge, [illegible] the German."

"What [illegible]," [illegible] the judge.

"I [illegible] to my vife [illegible]."

"You can't," [illegible] the judge. "Sit down."

[illegible] the German [illegible].

[illegible] the judge [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the bad box [illegible].

[illegible] the little German [illegible].

"You won't have [illegible] any at all," [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible] to get even [illegible].

[illegible] the little German sat down [illegible].

### Foreign Disposition

A stranger was in the [illegible] station the other day and was telling of an occurrence on his farm. One of his employees was a German. He was a [illegible] working, honest and conscientious man and was married. His wife was taken sick and finally died, the husband of course leaving his work for several days in consequence. Two weeks later he appeared at the house of his employer and asked to be relieved from work for a couple of days, when the following conversation took place:

"I would like to get off for about two days."

"I can't spare you unless it is absolutely necessary. You know you lost several days two weeks ago, and we are getting behind in the work. What is your necessity for getting off?" inquired the farmer.

"Vell, I vas to be married."

"Why, Fritz, your wife died only two weeks ago, and now you are about to get married again! I do not understand that."

"Vell," replied the German, "I don't hold spite long."

The farmer dismissed the case without prejudice.—Columbus Dispatch.

## He Took Advantage Of His Opportunity

Then there was Jerry Malone.

You've heard of Jerry? Stock actor—been in the profession ever since he was a boy—never could understand why he hadn't risen to eminence in it, but suspected it was due to the jealousy and intriguing of the other actors. Believed he had the making of a great comedian in him and that he would prove it to the world some day.

Upborne by this faith, Jerry patiently took the parts assigned to him, which usually necessitated, as you remember, his making an appearance on the stage once or twice in the course of an act to help make up the required number of villagers or to enter the rear door and say to the hero:

"Pardon me, my lord, but a stranger would speak with you."

A new play was to be presented for the first time on any stage, and Jerry was cast for the part of the butler.

He made his entry early in the first act.

Attired in his suit of gorgeous livery, behold him stalking solemnly across the stage.

"Madam," he said, addressing the heroine, "I am the bearer of this letter."

And he made a profound bow.

So low a bow, in fact, that he split his gorgeous coat up the back from tail to collar.

Ignorant of the calamity, he turned his back on the audience and stalked majestically toward the door through which he had entered.

This is where the audience took a hand in the performance.

At the sudden and spontaneous roar, the first roar that had ever greeted him, Jerry turned around.

He retraced his steps.

"Madam," he said, "permit me to repeat that I am the bearer of the letter you hold in your hand."

With another profound bow he turned and strode toward the door again.

The demonstration on the part of the audience was even more enthusiastic than before.

Once more Jerry turned around.

"Come off, you durned fool!" hoarsely whispered one of the jealous actors behind the scene.

"Come off, is it?" said Jerry fiercely, and in a voice loud enough to be heard forty feet away. "Come off! Begobs, I'll not come off. I'm making the hit of my life!"—Chicago Tribune.

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# Kate Clyde

### Becomes Humorous at the Expense of Woman's Sense of Humor ... She Also Gives Some Fashion Suggestions and a Nutshell Sermon . :

OH me oh my! The longer I live (and I am doing some of that too) the more I am amused. I don't say it is the same kind of amusement I used to give way to in the faroff days when I just laughed at things because they were funny. In fact nowadays I oftener laugh at things because they are the very opposite. But it is an amusement just the same.

Sometimes I am afraid this sense of humor is a misfortune rather than a blessing to a woman. In the first place she is not expected to have it. Men have had it dinned into their heads for centuries that woman had no sense of humor and they don't quite know what to make of it when they find she has.

Giving her his cut and dried views

Since the year one there have been certain jokes set apart for men and others for women—the latter pale, innocuous affairs of a peculiar streak of mild humor calculated to tickle feminine intelligence. For a woman to laugh at these is well; for a woman to laugh at jokes worthy of masculine humor is— Well, well! But for a woman to laugh where neither man nor woman finds cause for laughter is almost unpardonable.

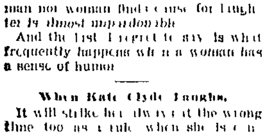
And the last I regret to say is what frequently happens when a woman has a sense of humor.

### When Kate Clyde Laughs.

It will strike her always at the wrong time too as a rule, when she is conversing with a lot of conventional stupid little women or else when [illegible] still some man devoid of humor is giving her his cut and dried views on life for her entertainment.

Next to the piteousness of the man with a sense of humor yoked to the woman with none, pray contemplate

"You never heard anything like it!"



the woman with a sense of humor yoked to a man with none! There is not always a divorce in the form [illegible] but there is sure to be in the fact [illegible].

But I am bound to say that a sense of humor is rarer in women than in men, not cheerfulness but a sense of the ridiculous and a fondness for [illegible] funny jokes and [illegible] the chuckle that will out even when it is at the expense of the chuckler.

Women find more solid comfort in weeping over other people's troubles than in chuckling at or what is better with them. The proof of this is that when women exchange stories in nine cases out of ten they are [illegible] dreadful. Just watch a woman read the newspaper and notice how she reads the crimes and the accidents. And when she has either read or heard of something peculiarly dreadful she [illegible] keep it to herself. No. She has to tell it to someone and put the nerve-destroying picture in [illegible] mind also.

### Good For the Invalid

Oh [illegible] the most awful thing [illegible] little Mrs [illegible] the right thing [illegible]

What [illegible] cures the invalid [illegible] with feminine [illegible].

Oh [illegible] like it [illegible] that the little girl of Mrs Murphy [illegible] put the baby in the oven to keep it warm and that when Mr Murphy came home [illegible] the baby baked to death in the oven [illegible] the little girl [illegible]! Did you ever hear of anything so horrible!

And yet some of us wonder who are the readers of 'yellow' papers. An [illegible].

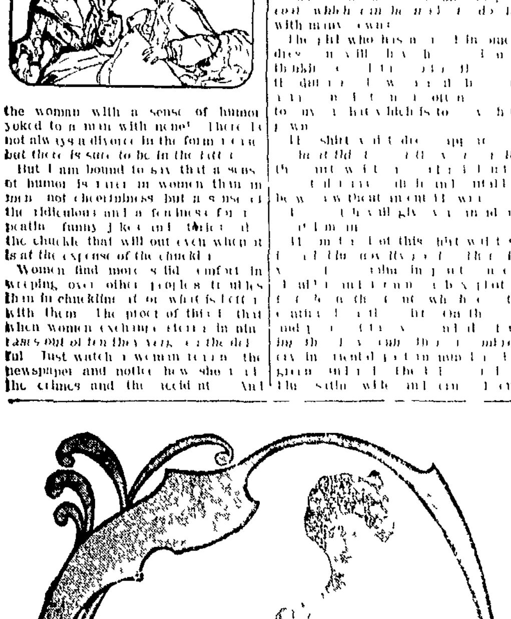
Do you know I think it is when a woman is ill, really ill, that she is most cheerful.

I had occasion to visit a hospital recently and I was struck by the air of cheeriness which pervaded the whole place. [illegible] and content [illegible] people [illegible] in the hospital.

### The Home Dressmaker

I always say the girl or woman who can make her own clothes [illegible]. The $15 and $20 [illegible] would [illegible] put into [illegible] will only amount to that [illegible] at home. There are many pretty [illegible] up with the [illegible] with thin [illegible] and the full [illegible] tucking [illegible]. It may be worn with a tailor silk coat which can be [illegible] duty with many gowns.

The girl who has [illegible] dress [illegible] to [illegible] which is to [illegible] the [illegible]. This [illegible] the [illegible] satin [illegible].



SUPERB CREATION OF OYSTER WHITE SATIN

This superb gown of oyster white satin [illegible] pieces of needlework [illegible] enriched long silk fringes which make up the [illegible].

AN EVENING GOWN OF LACE.

Filmy lace flounces over a taffeta skirt [illegible] in chiffon and [illegible] with full chiffon [illegible] go into the making of this charming skirt. The full bodice is closed with a floral wreath at one side of the decolletage. A deep girdle of chiffon is held with a jeweled buckle in front. The hat is of white chiffon trimmed with roses and foliage.

home [illegible] the waist is bloused and [illegible] stitched in with tucks. The [illegible] little tucks but [illegible] flare from the knees out. With the [illegible] worn a French [illegible] crown.

### A Brown Study

All [illegible] considered a winter [illegible] it is becoming to so many that it will be much seen the [illegible]. The whole secret of having a becoming brown costume is to have everything match—petticoat, hat, gloves, etc. A brown costume with a bit of a different color [illegible] not to be contemplated by the well dressed woman. [illegible] combined with brown however, and for spring wear a brown coat and skirt [illegible] with [illegible] Burnt straw trimmed with brown feathers [illegible] come in all the brown [illegible] weight [illegible]

[illegible]

The clever girl this spring will [illegible] wide [illegible] collar [illegible] lace and chiffon matching her best gown [illegible] to protect her shoulders. They will be [illegible] than [illegible]

Think good [illegible] so that [illegible] no reason why any girl of [illegible] should not have for her this spring two or three pretty hats to go with her different gowns.

### A Nutshell Sermon

[illegible] true to life but [illegible] all the same [illegible] small manufacturing town.

[illegible] Maggie [illegible]

[illegible] and the truth [illegible] any [illegible]

Kate Clyde

New York

### MME CURIE

Mme [illegible] Curie [illegible]

### WOMEN BALLOONISTS

[illegible]

## BEAUTY'S NURSES.

Don't forget that the [illegible] of a woman's beauty are seven [illegible] sunshine, warmth, rest, [illegible] food and [illegible] the blood [illegible] exercise and enthusiasm.

Don't neglect sleep. You can sleep yourself into good looks. A warm bath and a long nap will make any woman more attractive and lift years from her shoulders.

Don't eat when tired and don't work when tired. It [illegible] to work when not in fit condition [illegible] the work and worse for you.

Don't miss your [illegible] sleep. It is a mistake [illegible] at daybreak and [illegible] that every hour taken from [illegible] hour [illegible].

Don't pay money [illegible] to certain establishments for a horse's work which could be [illegible] at home [illegible].

Don't sit down [illegible] from work or [illegible] social duties [illegible] for ten minutes [illegible] until [illegible].

Don't [illegible] with [illegible] full of [illegible].

Don't attempt to remove dirt from the face with cold water. Give the face a warm bath with soap and then rinse thoroughly with clean tepid or cold water.

Don't rub the face with too coarse a towel [illegible].

Don't [illegible]

Don't [illegible] its culture wise and prefer.

### AVOID THE GIRL—

Who never thinks of anyone but herself.

When [illegible] comfort [illegible]

Who will [illegible] pretty [illegible]

Who never [illegible]

Who never gives away [illegible] in charity [illegible] all her money on her [illegible] some luxury for herself.

When [illegible] those [illegible] and who treats [illegible] to execute her command.

Who [illegible] above all [illegible] the comfort of any person but herself.

### NOT ALL ALIKE

On the [illegible] I know that [illegible] but just think [illegible]

# The Social Side OF THE St. Louis Fair

GREAT [illegible] industrial expositions in the United States are changing [illegible] the industrial feature [illegible] this time [illegible] of the United [illegible] fabric [illegible] entertain [illegible] at St Louis [illegible] with [illegible].

An [illegible] increasing prominence of the [illegible] of expositions women come to play a more and more important part in their arrangements. Then [illegible] St Louis traditional southern hospitality will invest the entertainment of visitors with special graciousness [illegible].

Mrs Rolla Wells, wife of the mayor of St Louis, has had her house on [illegible] remodeled for the accommodation of guests. Not many days will pass without ladies' luncheons or [illegible] reception, formal or informal [illegible]. For large receptions the rooms on the lower floor of the spacious Wells mansion have been so arranged that they may be thrown into one. Mrs Wells is fond of society and will carry off gracefully and lightly the heavy social duties that will rest upon her shoulders. She will be assisted in dispensing hospitality by her daughter Mrs Clark Street.

No less hospitable and gracious will be Mrs David Rowland Francis, wife of the president of the Louisiana Purchase exposition board. The Francis [illegible] one of the show places of St Louis and its mistress herself while not exactly a show woman is kind and dignified and kindly enough to be the gem of so noble a setting. Two pretty young daughters-in-law will assist Mrs Francis in receiving [illegible] to look at her one would not suspect her of being old enough to have daughters-in-law.

Perhaps because Mrs Francis is a club woman, vice president of the newly formed Women's club of St [illegible] place for municipal league and city improvement [illegible].

The ladies [illegible] St Louis residents [illegible] in the social [illegible] though [illegible] of congress of March [illegible] the board of lady managers of the Louisiana Purchase exposition was created. It is not only power except that of appointing a woman as a member of any jury of awarding prizes in departments [illegible] women's [illegible]. The ladies constituting the board have been chosen from different states of the Union. A number of them will reside in St Louis during the [illegible] and the ladies who live there will practically [illegible].

The president of this board of lady managers is Mrs Daniel Manning, widow of President Cleveland's first secretary of the treasury. Socially Mrs Manning is one of the most experienced and accomplished women in America. Beautiful, tactful, refined and kindly, she will recall at St Louis the regime of Mrs Potter Palmer at the Chicago fair. Mrs Manning belongs to what we now call in America an 'old family.' Her grandfather was Robert Livingston, a signer of the Declaration of Independence and American minister to France under the first empire at the time the Louisiana purchase treaty was negotiated. Mrs Manning is president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a member of the Holland Dames and of the Colonial Dames organizations. President McKinley appointed her commissioner to the Paris exposition of 1900 and the French government bestowed on her the decoration of the Legion of Honor.

Mrs M H de Young

The secretary of the board of lady managers of the St Louis fair is Miss Lavinia Egan of Shreveport La. Miss Egan is one of the most enthusiastic club women of the south, being vice president of the Louisiana Federated Women's Clubs. Miss Egan has the uncommon record of attendance at every grand exposition in her own country with the Centennial one of Philadelphia.

[illegible] president is Mrs Edward [illegible] of Springfield O. Mrs [illegible] worked till he succeeded in establishing traveling libraries [illegible]. It was also owing to her [illegible] state federation of Ohio Women's [illegible] club women [illegible] with human prominence [illegible] parliamentary knowledge of business and of [illegible] make them eminently [illegible] public boards.

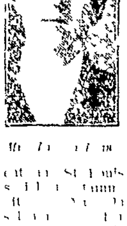
[illegible] vice president is Mrs [illegible] influential lady of Denver. Helen [illegible] Hunsicker of [illegible] third vice president, [illegible] Dawes, daughter of the Senator Dawes of Missouri fourth, Mrs Belle Everest [illegible] sixth. The sixth vice president [illegible] M H de Young of San [illegible] had ample experience in [illegible] of expositions including [illegible]

[illegible] Porter is a member of [illegible] Miss Helen [illegible] and most active [illegible] interested [illegible] churches in the [illegible] for the time being [illegible] safe

[illegible]

MRS DANIEL MANNING PRESIDENT BOARD OF LADY MANAGERS, ST LOUIS WORLD'S FAIR

[illegible] the [illegible] organizations of the [illegible] will exert them [illegible] actively [illegible] pleasure [illegible] The Woman's [illegible] club [illegible] The Artists guild has [illegible] All that's [illegible] Mrs [illegible] Hayward [illegible] famous [illegible] commissioner for the fair is at [illegible] fulfill [illegible] Mrs Hayward [illegible] only woman [illegible] interest in [illegible] St Louis [illegible] Mrs [illegible] wife of [illegible] president of one of the [illegible]



Mrs [illegible]

[illegible] St Louis [illegible]

### THE MARRIAGE KNOT

[illegible] marriage knot is [illegible] but [illegible]

## START OF JAPAN'S

### Organization of Mikado' Forces Dates From

### HOW AMERICANS AIDED T

**Lieutenant Henry E. Rhoa N, Tells of His Share in Young Japanese Marine I ing—Valuable Work of Officer and an American**

Probably no officer of the navy has followed the devel that of Japan with greate than Lieutenant Henry E now on duty at the Brool yard, for he was officially with the beginning of the n pan as far back as 1868 A the New York Tribune call recently, and when asked if one of the American navy of received appointments in 186 the organization of the Japa he replied

"I believe that the credit fo ance navy may be placed to ican navy officers It really the purchase of the armore wall Jackson (later named in) from the United State ment in 1860, although the tion of the naval dockyard was commenced in 1865 und pervision of a French engi was not completed till 187 nearly $2,500,000 The Stone son was built in France un tract with the Danish gover was to be known as the S as this was about the time ing of the Schleswig-Holstei there was delay in the con the vessel Denmark became in carrying out the terms chase and the boat passe possession of the Confederat

"She put to sea soon afte owing to some derangeme steering machinery she ran i Spain, for repairs in Febr where were lying the Ame vessels Niagara and Sacram commander of the Americ allowed the Stonewall to e she went to Lisbon and the the Atlantic to Havana He until after the close of the and was then given up by S United States Later the was sold to Japan and she over there by the United St command of Captain (now F ral) George Brown and de Yokohama in the latter p spring of 1869.

"At this time I was an of Asiatic squadron, and my been four months at Hiogo where had been the greate in connection with the rev sulting from the overthrow coonate in which I and se officers in command of arm of sailors took part in def American legation and other interests at Hiogo followi sault by Prince or Dami forces upon an assembly sailors who were quietly him and his retinue pass t town

"Another of our officers w ton Grinnell, a lieutenant in teer navy and a nephew, I Moses Grinnell In March, nell was commissioned an the regular service, but his did not reach him till late i then declined to accept it for an honorable discharg might accept an offer of th government of a commissio ral at a salary of 42,000 itzal $11,000 United States, mone His request was granted, cepted the appointment of remained for about three ye

"At the same time the Am sul at Hiogo a German, w has passed from me, was chief constructor and to u fered the appointment of neer For specific reasons the office but did offer to a ice temporarily, and for tw months I gave a group of v nese engineer aspirants su tions as my time would per tine engineering and gave tions on the Stonewall exp them the mechanism of the department and the operati ers engines etc, on a warsh use of tools I cannot clai done very much in this and w nd creating the navy of Grinnell and the Hiogo ex c most valuable services Th the most credit for their wo and in other countries, t them a number of bright y ne e to study construction, and navigation and the gen tion of a warship.

"It may be said, therefor Japanese navy had its be 186 and under American and they have gone on s creasing their armored fleet to building up an unarmore armed with the best rifled first armored ship construct pan was built on the Thame [illegible] had in 1877 about s [illegible] our new navy was b was the Foo Soo and had [illegible] ment of 3,718 tons About time contracts were made f for the two composite ar corvettes the Kon Go and t Hien In 1885 the Naniwa a Tachiho built by the Arm England were launched 7 protected cruisers of 3,700 placement and eighteen were conspicuous in the I war

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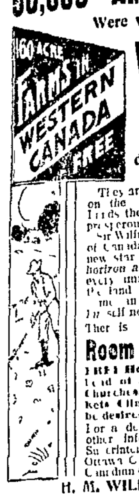
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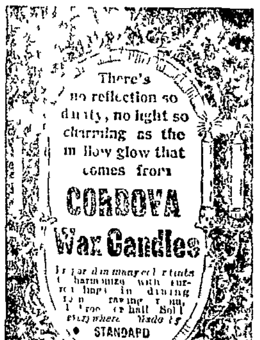

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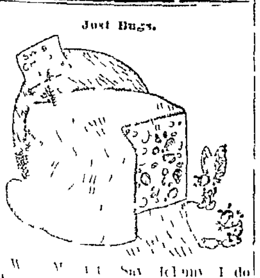

[illegible] Say, [illegible] I do [illegible] to [illegible] New York [illegible]

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**Caution Misunderstood**

[illegible] been [illegible] that [illegible] you could [illegible]

[illegible] Mt. [illegible] I used to [illegible] own [illegible] live in [illegible]

**A Correct Answer**

[illegible] handwriting is [illegible] that letter?
[illegible] how do you manage to [illegible]
[illegible] I just send the [illegible] Press.

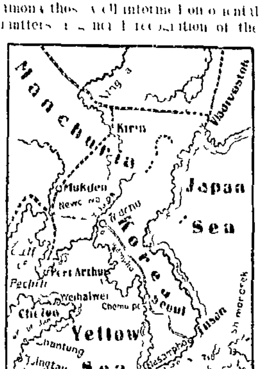
[illegible] No appointment will [illegible] chairman [illegible] of the [illegible] commission to [illegible] to Hanna until the [illegible] in Ohio has been [illegible]

# Theater of Russo-Japanese War

*Japan's Points of Vantage* — *Some of Russia's Difficulties*

[Special Correspondence.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—The progress of the war between Russia and Japan is viewed with especial interest at this point, as San Francisco is in closer touch with the orient than any other American city. Sentiment here, as elsewhere in the United States, is largely with the Japanese. While there is a feeling that Russia will ultimately win if the powers permit the fight to go on to a finish, there is among those well informed on oriental matters a general recognition of the fact that the country holds lands no [illegible]. The Japanese army is always better prepared for war than the Russian, as is indicated by the decisive victories in opening hostilities at Port Arthur and Chemulpo. These have given the Japanese [illegible] which the Russians will find difficult to overcome.

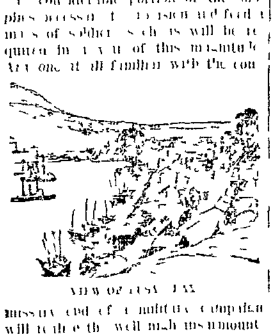


MAP OF THE SEAT OF WAR.

[The black and white line at the upper part of the map shows the [illegible] Manchuria [illegible] parallel line [illegible] Korea to [illegible] and [illegible] Japan [illegible] It is [illegible] and Korea is only [illegible] will [illegible]]

It is worth [illegible] that neither of the belligerents [illegible] present [illegible] own territory. In this respect the Japanese have a distinct [illegible] powerful [illegible] of simple [illegible] possessing facilities for [illegible] rapidly [illegible] bringing their forces. If all the Muscovite strength were [illegible] it would [illegible] But it is a [illegible] from St. Petersburg to Vladivostok and Port Arthur, and with but a single track railroad to carry all the troops and provisions and no very large amount of rolling stock on that road the mobilization and maintenance of a large army at the seat of hostilities is a slow and tedious process. To add to this difficulty is the fact that for considerable distances between Harbin and Port Arthur the railroad is in a very exposed position, [illegible] for miles long the [illegible] where it lies open to either land or naval attack. Moreover there are large numbers of Japanese disguised as coolies either employed on the road or in its vicinity, whose sworn duty it is said is to destroy the tracks wherever possible. The Russian force will be required to guard the tracks and keep the line open. Besides, the Siberian and Manchurian line is very poorly built and the rails light, and there is constant danger of breakdowns under the pressure of enormous military traffic.

The transportation of troops is, however, not the most difficult task which the Russian government encounters in conducting a campaign so far remote from its base of supplies. The armies must be fed. Siberia is little more than a vast barren waste and cannot furnish a considerable portion of the supplies necessary to provision and feed the armies of soldiers such as will be required in a war of this magnitude. Any one at all familiar with the con[illegible] missary end of a military campaign will realize the well nigh insurmountable obstacle that Russia faces.



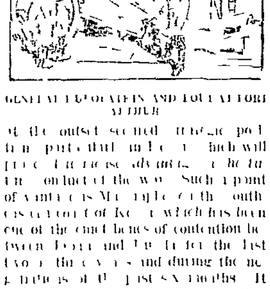
VIEW OF [illegible] BAY.

The Russians are fortunate in being in possession of Manchuria, which is a fertile agricultural country capable of furnishing some portion of the supplies necessary to sustain the army. Harbin, the chief town of Manchuria, is in the center of a rich wheat producing territory, and there are many immense flouring mills there. There are 10,000 people in the town, and Russia is said to have fully [illegible]0,000 troops in and around the place. As long as the Russians hold Harbin and keep it open [illegible] they will be able to [illegible] In the [illegible] services of [illegible] the possession of Harbin is most important to Russia. A flank movement by Japan which would cut off Harbin or result in its capture would practically stop the subsistence of the Russian army in that section.

While the Russians will doubtless be able to hold Manchuria, their advance in Korea will be stoutly contested if not wholly checked. Here the Japanese possess strategic advantages which will tax to the utmost Russia's military skill, and in the topography of the country, which is rough and mountainous, the Japanese have an advantage. The Russians are used to great plains, while the soldiers of the mikado are here in their native element. Like the Greeks at Thermopylae, or, to take a case more in point, like the Boers in the Transvaal, this will prove a powerful factor in their favor.

Korea has but a small population, about 10,000,000 all told. To this comparatively sparsely settled territory Japan has been looking as an outlet for her ever increasing population. She has about 45,000,000 of inhabitants, and the [illegible] of increase is very great. It is natural that the Japanese should, on account of its proximity and of the character of its population, consider Korea a suitable land for the creation of colonies. Since 1897 there have been Japanese colonies in Korea. There are at present from 25,000 to 30,000 Japanese established there with their families.

That the Japanese are prepared to [illegible] for the mastery of Korea, which may almost be said to be necessary for the maintenance of their national integrity, is apparent from the swiftness and potency of initial movements. On the other hand it is apparent that the Russians were not fully prepared for the attack and are likely to suffer still further disastrous blows before they get fairly into fighting trim. Thus the Japs have at the outset secured strategic positions, [illegible] which will prove of immense advantage in the future conduct of the war. Such a point of vantage is Masampho, on the south eastern coast of Korea, which has been one of the chief bones of contention between Russia and Japan for the last two or three years and during the negotiations of the past six months. It [illegible] the mouth of the Naktong river, which empties into the [illegible] of Korea.



GENERAL KUROPATKIN AND FORT AT PORT ARTHUR.

It is claimed by Russia that the port which forms [illegible] the gateway for the Japanese crossing over from the [illegible] at this point is nearest to Korea. Russia, to prevent Japan from closing the Korea strait against her ships, military or trading, sought to [illegible] this spot and for this purpose obtained the [illegible] from Korea of [illegible] for a coaling station which should be [illegible] all her ships passing [illegible] Vladivostok [illegible] which [illegible] miles to the [illegible] and in the sea of Japan, round to Port Arthur or other points in the Yellow sea.

Crippled by the naval engagements that have already taken place, which [illegible] the Russians are placed at a still further disadvantage by their remoteness from any subsequent naval base [illegible] from the Baltic to the Yellow [illegible] must be [illegible] be fed and the [illegible] must be [illegible] with ammunition [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] FRED [illegible] SPRINGS.

## GOSSIP ABOUT AUTHORS.

**Five Hundred Dollars From "Anon"—Conan Doyle and His Hobby.**

[Special Correspondence.]

New York, Feb. 22.—Will Carleton, author of "Songs of Two Centuries," presided over an authors' reading in New York the other day given for the benefit of a home for indigent authors. Hamilton Wright Mabie, George Cary Eggleston, Marion Harland and others assisted in the entertainment. Among the letters received from authors unable to attend was a communication from one of the most famous of his class, endeared to many readers as "Anon." He confirmed his claim to popularity by sending $500, but with the modest inscription, "Sent by one of the poorest of authors." The home which benefited by the reading is situated in Tenafly, N. J.

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Lieutenant Bilse, author of "A Little Garrison," which has created a great sensation in Germany, was court martialed and sentenced to six months' imprisonment for writing the book. It was a scathing picture of German garrison life.

LIEUTENANT BILSE, WHOSE BOOK CAUSED A STORM IN GERMANY.

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In St. Petersburg recently Maxim Gorki was an unwilling witness against a tramp.

"I cannot allow this scoundrel to go unpunished," said the judge. "The police report that the accused dealt you a blow on the back of the head when you did not respond to his demand for alms. It is imperative that an offense like that be punished. The public welfare demands it."

"I refuse to prosecute nevertheless," replied Gorki, who once was a tramp himself, "for I cannot bring myself to believe that a man in full possession of his senses will strike another. The man who commits an assault for no reason whatever must be abnormal, and such a man ought to go to the hospital, not to a prison.

"I was [illegible] thoughtful when the tramp appealed to me. That is my only excuse for not acceding to his prayer as I ought to have done. I remember now his last words before he struck me. They were, 'What! The well fed refuses to succor the hungry!' The accused evidently was hungry, and a hungry person is not always responsible for his actions."

"I appreciate your philosophy, and, indeed, I am very much obliged for the interesting exposition of your views," said the judge, "but I will send this man to prison nevertheless. He shall do without vodka for six months."

"If your decision to condemn is unalterable, please accept these 10 rubles for my poor friend," said Gorki. "He will be in need of them when he is released." The author bowed and retired from the courtroom.

"[illegible] one fast day and one thrashing a week to remind you that you have insulted the best man in Russia," was the comment of the judge.

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There is nothing the young author indulges so eagerly as the superstition of his own importance, and there is much excuse for him, says W. D. Howells in Harper's Weekly. He must be more than mortal not to believe himself more than mortal when he finds his name in all the reviews and advertisements and paragraphs of literary gossip. The publisher who is pressing the book upon the public is largely though helplessly to blame for the author's inflation of himself. His one purpose is to sell the author's book, but all the time he is [illegible] an idol which constantly falls down in worship of itself. The thing is preposterous, but no one is particularly to blame, least of all the idol, poor thing, which when it gets its first account for copyright is in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred rudely recalled to a realization of its humanity. No wonder that in the difficulty of accepting the facts the author goes off with his next book and his grudge and his shame to another publisher. In most cases the first publisher does not grieve for him except as an erring fellow man, but if the [illegible] proves a [illegible] seller the publisher feels hurt in his defection. He thinks unkind things of him and possibly says [illegible] them.

BERTHA MILDRED NIXON.

Real Estate Bulletin.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE AT
BREESE'S AGENCY, - MT. GILEAD, O.

127 [illegible] acres improved 3 miles from Fulton, price $[illegible]
397 [illegible] acres, excellent improvements, adjoining Mt. Gilead, very desirable
417 [illegible] acres improved 2½ miles from Mt. Gilead, $[illegible]
425 [illegible] well watered, good farm—a bargain
470 80 acres [illegible] miles east of [illegible] Price $[illegible] might exchange for merchandise
511 [illegible] acres about [illegible] east of Fulton [illegible] house, a good barn, cheap as dirt $[illegible]
516 [illegible] Price $[illegible] Will exchange
517 [illegible] miles from Mt. [illegible] $40 per acre
524 [illegible] acres improved three miles from Marengo, $[illegible]
544 [illegible] acres improved ¾ miles east of Mt. Gilead, $[illegible]
545 60 acres improved in Perry township, a bargain at $[illegible]
554 [illegible] acres good land, good buildings [illegible] school [illegible] hard to beat at $[illegible]
557 [illegible] desirable home adjoining Mt. Gilead, $[illegible]
560 [illegible] business
562 [illegible] change for smaller farm
577 [illegible] miles from Mt. Gilead, good land, well watered [illegible] first class stock farm [illegible] dirt at $40 per acre
583 [illegible] first class bottom land [illegible] north [illegible] Edison [illegible] $[illegible]
584 17½ acres in Canaan township [illegible] Edison [illegible] price $40 per acre
591 One acre with [illegible] house adjoining corporation of Mt. Gilead [illegible] $[illegible]
595 Small farm of [illegible] acres [illegible] half way between Fulton and Marengo [illegible] house, barn [illegible] cheap at $[illegible]
600 [illegible] large house in fair condition [illegible] barn [illegible] Mt. Gilead. Price $[illegible]
602 [illegible] acres good land, good buildings [illegible] miles from Mt. Gilead, $[illegible] per acre
604 132 acres adjoining Mt. Gilead, good land, some [illegible] abundance of water, good buildings [illegible] A bargain at $[illegible]
610 [illegible] acres of land, good buildings ½ miles from Iberia [illegible] $[illegible]
611 [illegible] acres nearly all black loam soil of best quality, all level and [illegible] no waste [illegible] Marengo [illegible] Edison [illegible]
612 100 acres [illegible] north of Iberia, Ohio [illegible] first class [illegible] orchards [illegible] percent
621 100 acres good land, good buildings [illegible] miles from Mt. Gilead [illegible] decided bargain [illegible]
625 [illegible] township [illegible] good land and good improvements at $[illegible] per acre
631 [illegible] acres [illegible] Chesterville [illegible] cistern in kitchen [illegible] will buy it if sold soon
634 [illegible] acres good land, fine buildings, adjoining Mt. Gilead, desirable home at $[illegible]
635 One of the finest homes to be had, 7 acres adjoining Mt. Gilead, elegant buildings, abundance of fruit etc., cheap at $[illegible]
636 [illegible] acres in Harmony township, improved, a bargain at $[illegible] per acre
637 1[illegible] acres [illegible] miles from Mt. Gilead, nearly all black bottom land, good buildings. This is a bargain at $[illegible] per acre
650 [illegible] acres [illegible] land and good improvements adjoining Cardington. This is a bargain at $[illegible]
642 80 acres level land, good buildings, at a very low price, $40 per acre, 3½ miles from good market
644 [illegible] acres 3 miles from Delaware, O., good land and good buildings, $60 per acre. This is a bargain
645 [illegible] acres near Shauck, good land and good buildings. There is no question but it is a great bargain at $[illegible]
646 [illegible] acres good land, fair buildings [illegible] miles from Mt. Gilead at $[illegible] per acre
647 A fine farm of 1[illegible] acres, well watered, large new barn, good house, a first class stock farm within two miles of Mt. Gilead. This is a real bargain at $7000
648 Sixty acres [illegible] miles south west of Mt. Gilead [illegible] improvements [illegible] per acre
649 [illegible] acres good black land [illegible] Westfield [illegible] acres timber [illegible]
653 [illegible] acres 2 miles from Marengo, new buildings, $[illegible]
654 [illegible] acres [illegible] Mt. Gilead, well [illegible] timber. A bargain at $[illegible] per acre
659 [illegible] acres [illegible] per acre
660 [illegible] acres good level land [illegible] market [illegible] per acre
662 [illegible] acres improved near Mt. Gilead, $[illegible]
663 100 acres good land and good buildings, well watered [illegible] from railroad town in Morrow county, a bargain at $[illegible]
664 [illegible] acres good land [illegible] near school, church and post office [illegible] miles from Mt. Gilead [illegible] cheap if sold soon
668 [illegible] acres in Canaan township, good fair improvements $[illegible]
669 [illegible] county, Mich. [illegible] good land, level, well watered [illegible] acres in timber, balance in grass. Would exchange for good land in Morrow county or sell cheap for cash
671 116 acres nearly all black loam soil, good improvements, near good markets, a bargain at $[illegible] per acre
672 100 acres good land, well watered, ten acres timber, buildings nearly new, 3 miles from Mt. Gilead, cheap at $40 per acre
673 [illegible] acres [illegible] miles from good railroad town in Morrow county, good land and good house [illegible] cheap at $[illegible]
679 [illegible] acres 1½ miles from Cardington, good level land, excellent buildings, 1 mile to school, public road, telephone, rural mail route, everything good and convenient, very desirable. If you appreciate a good home this is cheap at $[illegible]
680 500 acres good improved land in Hawkins county, Tennessee
681 Country store, residence and store building, [illegible] (stock included)
682 [illegible] acres good land near Sedalia, Missouri. For sale or exchange
684 81 acres good land, well watered, good buildings, excellent stock, grain and grass farm. A bargain at $40 per acre
685 100 acres good land, good improvements, 1½ miles from railroad town. A bargain
689 140 acres valuable timber land in Missouri, a snap

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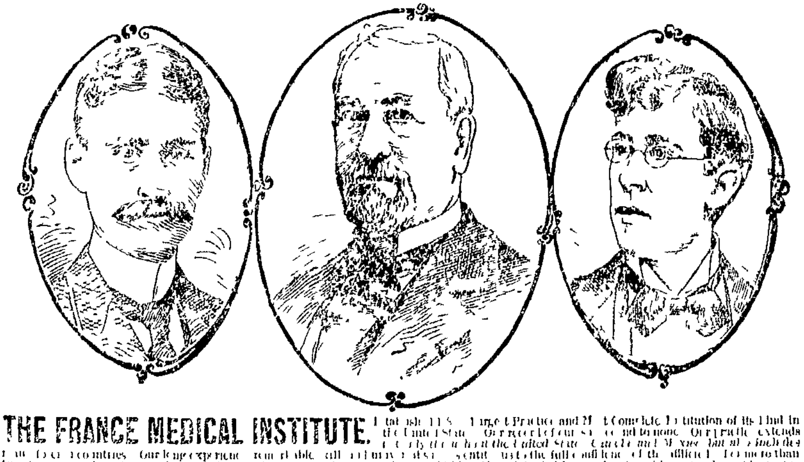

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# POSTOFFICE IN NEW QUARTERS

### Government Property Transferred to Masonic Temple.

### PATRONS FORGET HOW TO WORK COMBINATION BOXES

**Clerk Is Busy Showing People How To Unlock Their Boxes -Many Apply at Old Quarters for Mail -Postoffice Business Continues, with Practically Little Inconvenience**

The Marion postoffice was moved from the McNeal block on west Center street to the Masonic Temple at Main and Church streets Friday night according to government orders which Postmaster Fisher complied with to the very letter

When the office closed at 7 o'clock all was hustle and bustle among the clerks and the carriers The cases and most of the postoffice apparatus were moved in wagons The big government safe was moved on a sled When the office opened in its new quarters next morning the business was carried on practically with little inconvenience Everything in the new postoffice is nicely arranged and the work of the clerks can be carried on more expeditiously and conveniently than it was ever dreamed of in the old quarters

Many people went to the old postoffice Saturday expecting to get their mail "Well I forgot that the postoffice was going to move" was a common remark Then they wended their way to the handsome new postoffice Those who had lock boxes there are 760 combination boxes—tried to open them and nine out of every ten had forgotten the combination One clerk was kept busy showing people how to unlock their boxes and explaining the combinations to them over and over again

The first thing one noticed upon entering the postoffice Saturday was a strong smell of paint and new furniture The storm doors had not yet dried and many people left the building with black paint on the palms of their hands by pushing them open

"The new postoffice is something of a curiosity now" said one of the postoffice clerks Saturday "but I suppose people will soon get accustomed to it and things will pursue the even tenor of their way and we won't be pestered to death"

### SLIGHT CUT CAUSES DEATH OF UNION COUNTY WOMAN

**Mrs Peter Schertzer Falls Victim to Blood Poisoning**

Mrs Peter Schertzer aged thirty eight years is dead at her home near Arbella Union county as the result of blood poisoning

A week ago Thursday Mrs Schertzer slightly cut the forefinger of the left hand while cutting meat for breakfast The cut was so slight that it did not bleed A few hours later however Mrs Schertzer began to suffer great pain in the injured finger and within a remarkably short time poison seemed to permeate her entire system

Drs Hartley and Miller of Byhalia were called and pronounced her suffering from a most serious attack of blood poisoning The attending physicians say the fact that the cut made by the knife failed to bleed coupled with the fact that Mrs Schertzer's blood was not in good condition caused her death

A husband and four children—three of the children by a former marriage—survive

The funeral was held at 11 o'clock Sunday morning at the Methodist church at Byhalia

**Death of an Infant**

Lester Dale aged six months and eleven days son of Mr and Mrs Walter Pribburn of Cass avenue died Monday afternoon of indigestion The remains were taken to Ridgeway Hardin county for interment Tuesday afternoon

**Stops the Cough and Works Off the Cold**

Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day No cure, no pay Price 25 cents

FOR SALE The Gugle home a 9 room house on south Main street within sight of the new postoffice Will sell at a bargain if sold within the next 30 days Inquire of M H Chase or at No 298 Residence south Main street 8 wl-1 f d tf

FOR SALE Intending to go to Canada March 1 I will offer until that time the hotel livery barn and barn owned by me in Green Camp at a real bargain on easy terms C A McElroy Citizens phone [illegible] Thompson St Marion O [illegible] wl [illegible]

FOR SALE CHEAP One lot No 3 [illegible] in West Marion Ohio size 50x150 Write A F Sager Lock Box 312 Gladwin Michigan 25 wk tf

WANTED A hired man to work on farm at $ [illegible] month board and washing See I M Warner Marion Ohio [illegible] wk 1 p

Mr Arthur Bean of Silver street is the guest of friends and relatives at Coshocton

### HOME TELEPHONE COMPANY ELECTS ITS NEW OFFICERS

**A Farmer Injured by Falling Tree Near Waldo**

Waldo Feb [illegible] [Special]—The stockholders of the Home Telephone company met in Flack's hall Friday afternoon A code of by-laws and regulations was adopted and nine directors were elected It was decided to hold the regular meeting the first Tuesday of each year The directors are Fred L Guthery All [illegible] J F Brundige O S Anthony [illegible] Bland David Bower William Kling [illegible] Martin Lewis and M [illegible] The directors immediately organized by electing Martin Lewis president William Kling vice president and David Bower secretary and treasurer A meeting with the Marion County Telephone company was arranged to decide upon a plan of co-operation The new company will operate over all territory within a radius of five miles of Waldo and will purchase all of the Marion County Telephone company's interests within that territory

While George Rentchler was cutting timber on his farm Friday a tree which he was chopping down fell upon him and injured him about the head and shoulders Dr P D Osborn was summoned and found an ugly gash about six inches long above the right eye It was necessary to take several stitches in dressing the wound It is not thought the accident will result seriously

Thermometers in this vicinity registered fourteen degrees below zero this morning

### FRACTIOUS HORSE STIRS UP MOURNERS AT FUNERAL

**Mrs E L Gray Is Buried In Marion Cemetery**

A fractious horse in a funeral procession created considerable excitement among the funeral party and a number of residents of Columbia street between State and High street Sunday afternoon

The funeral service over the remains of Mrs L L Gray had been held at the home of the deceased's parents Mr and Mrs C S Lippincott of south High street and the funeral cortege was enroute to the Marion cemetery when one of the horses hitched to a cab behind the hearse became unruly It jumped to one side then got astraddle the tongue and before the driver could get the animal quieted the tongue was broken The occupants of the vehicle became greatly frightened but they managed to get out without injury

### THE INTER-STATE FOOD COMPANY DECLARES DIVIDENDS

**Business Outlook for the Future Considered Good**

The directors of the Inter State Food company held a meeting at the European Hotel Friday afternoon The business of the company was transacted and a dividend was declared The annual meeting of the stockholders of the company will be held at Dayton some time in June

The directors present at this meeting were H W Whitman president and Charles A Ridgeway secretary of Dayton F W Hendley vice president and Dr J A Cook of this city and W A Gipson of Upper Sandusky

The directors report the outlook for future business good

### COMPANY TO BE ORGANIZED TO MANUFACTURE BRICK

**Marion Business Men Are Interested in the Enterprise**

A movement is on to form a company for the manufacture of pressed brick in this state probably in Sandusky The plan is to manufacture the Milholland brick invented by J W Milholland The brick is to be a sand lime brick which has stood all the tests given to bricks Those interested propose to organize a stock company of $100,000 and build the plant as soon as the stock is subscribed

Among those interested in the organization are Messrs J W Schutt C W Caldwell and J W Milholland of this city and Mr H W Whitman of Dayton

**Green Camp Boy Dies**

Marion Johnston aged sixteen years died at the home of his parents Mr and Mrs Richard Johnston at Green Camp at [illegible] o'clock Monday morning

The boy took down sick two weeks ago of typhoid fever and Dr [illegible] was called [illegible] Tuesday later

The funeral was held Wednesday at [illegible] p m at the Green Camp M E church Rev [illegible] Webster [illegible]

**A Fine Sterling Piano**

Mr [illegible] Gruber [illegible] several bitter [illegible] of [illegible] the city Thursday [illegible] the piano of her choice [illegible] toned Sterling [illegible] [illegible] The piano [illegible] prominent place in their [illegible] home The purchase was made at W [illegible] 211 west Center street

**Well Known Here**

Mrs Dunlap wife of Joseph Dunlap of Delaware died at the family residence in that city [illegible] night and [illegible] Monday afternoon Mrs Dunlap was about sixty years of age and numbers many acquaintances in this city

# SALOON CASE OF CALEDONIA

### Defendant Files Answer in Court of Common Pleas.

### FACTS RELATING TO THE SPECIAL ELECTION

**Petition Praying for the Election and Mayor's Proclamation Are Attached to Defendant's Answer Dissolution of Injunction Requested- News from Common Pleas Court**

The injunction proceeding of Henry W McCabe representing the saloon interests of Caledonia against Bulge C Decker the clerk of the village of Caledonia the defendant filed an answer in the court of common pleas last Saturday in which the facts relating to the holding of a special election in Caledonia December 5 1903 are set forth

The defendant states that at a council meeting held November 16 1903 the matter of holding an election under the local option law was submitted to the council and an ordinance providing for such election was adopted and later there were some doubts as to the regularity of the meeting at which the ordinance was adopted and another meeting was held at which the action of the former session was repeated this being on November [illegible] 1903

The petition praying for the election mentioned and the proclamation of the mayor announcing the election are attached to the answer of the defendant The defendant asks that the injunction be dissolved and for all proper relief

The suit of Mollie E Rothfus against Mary E Herman and others was tried in the court of common pleas Friday and after the evidence for the plaintiff had been submitted the defendant offered a motion that the case be taken away from the jury and that a verdict be returned for the defendant The motion was sustained and a verdict for the defendant was directed

In this case Mollie L Rothfus sued to recover damages in the sum of $5,000 for injuries sustained by falling through a defective stairway in the Herman block on north Main street

In the matter of B A Stevens against Jacob Weber and others in the court of common pleas the court has entered up a judgment for $500 the full amount sued for

In the matter of Olive M Kennedy against [illegible] Kennedy in the court of common pleas the plaintiff has filed a motion that a receiver be appointed for the real estate involved in the suit

The trial of the case of the New York Syndicate company against James K Redd constable was concluded in the court of common pleas about 6 o'clock Thursday evening when the jury gave the plaintiff company a verdict for the full amount sued for

Tailoring material valued at about $100 were involved in the suit The evidence adduced showed that the materials attached by O Alspach on a claim held by him against the Marion Tailoring company were the property of the New York Syndicate and were being sold on commission by the Marion Tailoring company

The motion offered by the defendant in the case of the State of Ohio against Dr [illegible] C Medick that the trial of the case be continued has been overruled by Judge B C Young

Milton Emmyhill who was arrested some time ago and indicted by the grand jury on a charge of forgery and who on his first arraignment entered a plea of not guilty to the charge of [illegible] against him changed his plea to that of guilty Saturday afternoon and was sentenced to serve an indefinite term in the reformatory at Mansfield He was removed to that institution Tuesday

The suit of R [illegible] Adams against W [illegible] in the court of common pleas which was to have been tried Wednesday has been settled out of court

A M Dills has begun a proceeding in the court of common pleas against W W [illegible] to have a judgment for [illegible] revived

In the matter of [illegible] the plaintiff has [illegible] [illegible] court of common pleas

Mrs Sarah Downs [illegible] petition in the [illegible] common pleas late Monday afternoon for a divorce from [illegible] Downs

The plaintiff recites in her petition that she was married to the defendant at [illegible] 1891 and that [illegible] children have been born of the union

Mrs Downs [illegible] [illegible] to her support in any way [illegible] She [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] The plaintiff asks that [illegible] a divorce and restored to her maiden name of Sarah Benfield and for such other relief as the case may warrant

After the special venire of jurymen for the trial of Jerry Simms March 7 had been drawn recently it was discovered that three of the jurors did not reside in the county It was therefore necessary to draw an additional venire and as the law provides that twice the missing number must be drawn Sheriff P C Sells and Deputy Clerk A A Gottschall drew six jurors late Monday afternoon

They are John Gooding of Pleasant township Isaac C Dickson of Tully township Adam Lauer and P D Hoke of Waldo township D A Black of Green Camp township and Henry Lindsay of Claridon township

In the divorce proceedings of John Herman against Sophia Herman the plaintiff has filed an amended petition in the court of common pleas in which he charges that the defendant has been absent from his home for more than three years and has been guilty of gross neglect of duty

In the matter of Joseph Beck administrator of the estate of Martha Manley against Bert and Manley a motion to dismiss the appeal has been filed in the court of common pleas

### HARDIN COUNTY SHERIFF TAKES YOUNG GIRL HOME

**Kate Fleming Refuses To Attend Kenton School**

Fourteen year old Katie Fleming of Kenton who is alleged to have run away from her home and come to this city where she has been staying for the last month was taken to her home at Kenton Monday evening by the sheriff of Hardin county The Fleming girl is said to have refused to go to school at Kenton She was located by the police at the home of Mrs Harry Jones of Holmes street where her brother James Fleming boards She was taken back to Kenton and will be made to attend school

### OBITUARY.

Borland— At the parental home three and one half miles north of Cochranton Ohio Ina Bell daughter of John H and Iona B Borland departed this life Saturday morning February 13, 1904 being aged three years ten months and sixteen days She was born at the place of death March 27 1900 She was a remarkably bright and beautiful child She suffered for fully two weeks previous to her death of brain fever and left a father mother five brothers four sisters and other relatives to mourn their loss Funeral service was held at the sad home Sunday afternoon conducted by Rev J A Sutton of Edine A large and sympathetic audience was present Succeeding service interment was had in the Cochranton cemetery ***

### THE SHOPPING BAG.

With tight pressed lips and straining arms  
And feet she scarce can drag,  
She tries to hurry toward the car  
With her shopping bag

Its sides are bulged she's crowded it  
With all the things she bust  
Ah [illegible] blame is hers  
We others fear 'twill burst

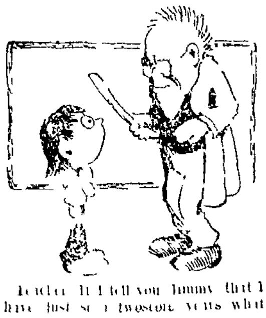
Queer how the thing can stand such strains  
But this is what the bag contains

A pair of shoes for Willie and  
[illegible] for Mary  
A [illegible]  
[illegible]  
[illegible] lunch  
[illegible]  
Of [illegible]  
[illegible]  
A [illegible]  
[illegible]  
A [illegible]  
[illegible]  
A [illegible]  
[illegible]  
[illegible]  
A [illegible]

And [illegible] [illegible] light  
Out this [illegible]

With [illegible] [illegible] arms  
[illegible]  
At last she [illegible] the car  
Herself and [illegible]  
—[illegible] News

**Clever Boy**



Teacher—If I tell you Jimmy that I have just seen twoscore years what does that mean

Jimmy—It means teacher dat yer ain't a bit like George Washington who never told no lie

New York—Raoul Amador consul from Panama and a brother of the new president of Panama has been fined $ [illegible] in the Harlem police court on the charge of exceeding the automobile speed limit in Central park The policeman who arrested him said that Mr Amador was running his machine at a rate of nine miles above the limit

[illegible] more than twice as many [illegible] the United States The average [illegible] per bushel is [illegible] cent

# ORGANIZATION IS PERFECTED

### The Directors of the Marion Manufacturing Company Meet.

### THE COMPANY'S NEW OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

**The Executive Committee Is Named Large Plant Expected To Be in Complete Operation in Short Time--By Laws Adopted- Directors Elected by Stockholders**

The directors of the Marion Manufacturing company held a meeting in the office of Mr C C Fisher Monday night and perfected their new organization

The following officers were elected W W Fisher of Bellefontaine president Frederick Haberman vice president James Bistable of Toledo treasurer and general manager C C Fisher secretary

By-laws were adopted and considerable routine business was transacted The directors of the company were elected at a meeting of the stockholders which was held Saturday They are

W R Archer H Chisholm A C Edmondson C C Fisher Frederick Haberman H B Hane W G Harding Charles W Leffler James F Pendergast W H Schaffner Edward K Uhler Ward H Bones V B Everett S G Klemmater Henry Streitz of this city James Bistable of Toledo and Louis B Daly of Jersey City New Jersey and W W Fisher of Bellefontaine

Mr Archer will be the manager of the sales department while Mr Haberman will be superintendent of the construction department

The company expects to have its large plant in complete operation in a short time

### THE ADVANCING DOLLAR OF UNCLE SAM'S MAKE

**It's Soon To Be the Standard of All America**

**[Saturday Evening Post]**

Before the late Colombian congress adjourned it passed a law making the gold dollar of the United States the standard of value Perhaps it might not have paid us that compliment if it had waited a little longer but as it is the law is there Thus one more step is taken toward the commercial consolidation of the western hemisphere If the two Americas do not have one flag there is at least a prospect that sooner or later they will have one dollar

The gold dollar of identical value is now the standard in the United States Canada British Honduras and Colombia—that is to say throughout the bulk of North America and part of South America When Mexico adopts the gold standard as she is expected to do before long it will be only simple common sense for her to take our dollar along with it That will give the same standard from the Caribbean to the North pole The Central American republics except Costa Rica are now on a silver basis and they would naturally follow Mexico in changing to gold

Other American republics have gold units differing so slightly from our dollar that they could be assimilated to it without perceptibly affecting the business habits of the people Cuba has a gold peso worth 92 cents Haiti a gold gourde worth 96 cents Argentina a peso of the same value Uruguay a peso worth $1 04 and Newfoundland a dollar worth $1 014 The Uruguayan peso is almost exactly as much too heavy as that of Argentina is too light To reduce one and increase the other to the United States standard would help the two countries in their trade with each other by a compromise equally fair to both With the mighty dollar thus carried down to the Straits of Magellan its conquest of the rest of our half of the globe could not be long delayed

### THE LIST OF LETTERS REMAINING UNCALLED FOR

**Scan the Names and See If Any Are Addressed to You**

The following is a list of letters uncalled for at the postoffice

J W Alexander Wesley Carr [illegible] Cunningham Owen Edwards [illegible] Gillum John Gelik W B Harris [illegible] Hopes Ralph Johnson [illegible] Knecht Z C Law William Myers Eugene McCabe [illegible] Ritter G Snyder B H Sherwood [illegible] Slater John Vanhouten G B Wiltshire Mrs [illegible] Bell Mrs Clara Burke Daisy [illegible] Miss Anne Carey Mrs Mary Evans Mrs [illegible] Evans Mrs [illegible] Elliott Mrs Eva Griffith Mrs Lovina Johnson Mrs Ella Keith March Mrs May Putnam Mrs Orettes Reed Mrs Will Reinsert [illegible] Ricketts Miss Eva Robinson Miss Ella Shupp Mrs Mary Sutter Frank Thomas Arthur Alverttan Agency (theatrical) [illegible] Tenney

J B Fisher Postmaster

Born March [illegible] to Mr and Mrs William Luellen a son

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Many bargains left in fine shoes for men and boys Come in and see them while have your size

**PETTY & STARR,** The I E Rhoads Old Stand

# A LOCAL FIRM INCORPORATED

### John F. Lust and Son Becomes John F. Lust Company.

### THE CAPITAL STOCK IS ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND

**Half of This Is Common and Half Preferred -Incorporators Are Members of the Lust Family or Employes of Old Firm- History of a Thriving Business**

A special to the Star from Columbus Tuesday states that the John F Lust company of Marion was incorporated by J F Lust H D Morrill H A Lust H W Lust Charles F Lust and W S Probst all of whom are members of the Lust family or employes of the present firm

The company is incorporated for $100,000 half of which is common and half preferred stock

In an interview Tuesday Mr John F Lust the head of the business stated that the organization would not be perfected until the papers of incorporation are received which will probably be within a very short time

As to the growth of the business with which he has been identified so long, Mr Lust stated that he entered the confectionery and bakery trade March 1 1867 the business being conducted as a retail and wholesale lines until 1884

In 1884 the business had attained such volume that it was deemed expedient to drop the retail line and the attention of Mr Lust was turned exclusively to the supplying of wholesale trade

In 18[illegible] Mr Lust [illegible] the need of [illegible] in the business which had been [illegible] [illegible] Frank A Lust into the firm and the concern has since been conducted under the name of John F Lust & Son

The business is of the most substantial character having been built up with the best of care and management and with a strict regard for the quality [illegible] placed upon the market The [illegible] past year was the largest [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] intend [illegible] meet the [illegible] for the future

### GREEN CAMP ODD FELLOWS GIVE SOCIAL

**Good Time Enjoyed by All Present Until Late Hour**

Green Camp O Feb [illegible]—[Special]—The [illegible] of Green Camp [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] evening [illegible] the members and their families [illegible] [illegible] and ten plates were [illegible] [illegible] time [illegible] [illegible] hour

[illegible] held by the Green Camp [illegible]

[illegible] Mrs L L Gray [illegible] [illegible] of Mr C S Lippincott [illegible] High street [illegible] in the Marion [illegible] Smith officiated

Mr [illegible] of Vine street [illegible]

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**GLASSE**

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# DISCUSSION OF RURAL TOPICS

### Institute Continues To Interest Farmers at Caledonia.

### PROGRAM CONSISTS OF MUSIC AND SPEECHES

### Entire Audience Opens Friday's Session by Singing America. Statistics To Show the Depletion of Forests. Protection of Quail for Five Years Advocated by Resolution

Caledonia, Feb. 19.—Thursday morning's session was opened by the entire audience singing America. F. L. Allen then took the floor but on account of one of the topics of yesterday being so closely related to his topic for today, Machinery on the Farm, he decided it would be of more value to the farmers to hear a short talk on Humus in the Soil.

Mr. Allen described digestion, absorption and assimulation of plant life.

This talk was followed by a duet by Mrs. J. B. Rice and daughter Miss Jessie Rice.

R. R. Douce spoke for a few minutes on Robbing the Soil. Although his speech was short it was very instructive and taught what was most advisable to raise on the farm to bring best results.

J. B. Loneberger of Mt. Gilead gave a little of his experience at gardening and the profit derived from it.

After another song J. L. Gordon talked on Corn, Our King Crop. The reason he called it the king crop was because at least sixty commercial products were made from it and that it excelled the number from any other grain.

The afternoon session opened at 1 o'clock with a Welcome song, after which a number of questions were read and discussed and then F. L. Allen took up his topic of Ohio Forests. To show the rapidity with which forests are disappearing he gave the following statistics:

For the 220,000 miles of railroad in this country there were 700,000,000 cross ties used and as the average life of a railroad tie was five years for this use alone the timber of 3,000,000 acres of wood land would be consumed yearly and adding to that the amount of timber used for electric roads 1,000,000 more acres would be used. Mr. Allen said it was of vast importance that farmers cared for their wood lands intelligently so that the present supply might last for a much longer period of time and that it might prove quite profitable to plant unaccessible land in forest trees to be cultivated for timber.

L. J. Douce was unable to be present and Mrs. H. Loos then read a very interesting paper on Stay on the Farm, in which she spoke of the sad mistake some people made of leaving a good farm to enter a business with which they were unfamiliar.

Miss Jessie Rice then sang a solo, The Old Rag Carpet.

The following report of the committee on resolutions was read by William Brocklesby:

Whereas, We believe there is now a strong sentiment among the manufacturers to repeal what is known as the Rawlins law, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the farmers of Marion county assembled at the Caledonia Farmers' institute, protest against the repeal or any change relating to the law.

Resolved, That we favor the passing of the law now in court known as the Brownlow Public Road Bill.

Resolved, That we favor an amendment to the present game law so that it gives protection to the quail for five successive years.

Resolved, That we urge the passage of an economical bill relating to our county officers.

Resolved, That we favor the letting of public printing to the lowest responsible bidder.

Resolved, That we hereby tender our sincere thanks to the mayor for the use of the town hall, to the marshal for his effort to make it comfortable for those in attendance, to the choir and band for the excellent music rendered, to Mr. Shaw for his kindness in furnishing the splendid piano and to all who have added to the enjoyment of the occasion.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the state speakers for the very efficient and instructive way in which they have entertained the institute.

Resolved, That we deeply deplore the death of Senator Hanna, realizing that Ohio has lost one of her most useful and distinguished citizens and the nation a strong and true patriot.

Resolved, That we favor the ward local option bill now pending before the legislature.

Resolved, That we instruct our secretary to request the state board of agriculture to favor Caledonia with an institute next year.

William Brocklesby,
J. C. [illegible],
A. L. Lyon,
L. J. Russell,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted as read.

The last topic on the program was How I Help on the Farm and was handled by J. L. Gordon.

Mr. [illegible] of Marion made a few remarks on Farm Life and the program was closed by a song, Good Bye.

# BEN WADE DOESN'T FEAR HIS FATE NOW

### Tells Marion Friends That He Has Been Converted. A Poem to Mother

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Trout of this city have received the following letter from Benjamin F. Wade, an inmate of the annex at the Ohio penitentiary under sentence of death for murder committed at Toledo:

My dear friends: You will likely be somewhat surprised to hear from me after so long a silence, but really Lee it is no fault of mine, as the warden has stopped us from writing more than one letter a month and they should be written to my dear old mother who is worrying herself to death over the fate of her unfortunate boy. So please do not feel ill toward me. I have worried considerably since they stopped us from writing, as that is all the pleasure we have left in the world, writing to those we love and receiving letters from those we love best, as they always bring sunshine into our dark and gloomy cells. But I have something now far better than letters to brighten my gloomy cell and that is my daily message from God.

I am happy now in Christ Jesus and am not now worrying about what my fate will be. I have left it all in God's hands and if it is His will for me to get justice in this world I will get it and if not I know He must have a better place for me in heaven. He knows I am innocent of this horrible crime and I have made a solemn vow to serve Him the rest of my days, let them be long or short.

I hope you and your faithful wife and also the mission people have not forgotten me in their prayers, as I need the prayers of good true christians. Should I meet my fate, Lee, do not worry for I am sure you there is a part of Ben Wade that will never go in the box. Rejoice when I leave you as I am sure I will make heaven my home. Believe me, Lee, as a friend and brother with God, I am absolutely innocent of this foul murder or of knowing anything about it whatever. Should I never get the opportunity to write to you again tell the world when I am gone that I died an innocent man and some day the truth will be known and find that I should ever be guilty of such a crime. I suppose that my case will be argued some time next month in the supreme court and I am getting anxious to know what they are going to do with me, as I have been imprisoned for nearly two years for a crime of which God in heaven knows I have been accused wrongfully.

Lee, you may never know the agony I have suffered but I have hopes that I shall be rewarded some day for it all either in this world or in the next. You will find enclosed a little poem I have composed and dedicated to my dear old mother. I have had it published in the O. P. paper. Mother was here last Sunday and we had a good visit. My sister from Nebraska, my brother and my step father were also here. Mother looks five years older than when I last saw her. I do not think she has long for this world, that is if I do not get out of this trouble soon. You can imagine how I felt when I came face to face with my sister, who I had not seen for ten years. I think she will remain in Ohio until after my fate is decided. She will be a great comfort to poor mother. Lee, we have a Bible class in the annex now. I wish you could be here with us some day. Our worthy chaplain comes over almost every day and prays with us and I am walking daily in the sight of God.

It has been a great help to me, although some people may call me a coward for serving God, but thank God I would rather be a live coward than a dead hero in hell. "Whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but shall have eternal life."

Well, Lee, it is getting late and as it is now 1:30 I must bid you goodbye. Kindly remember me to the mission people and don't you and your beloved wife forget to pray for me and I will pray for you. I do not know when I shall have the opportunity to write to you again, but answer this letter and if you want to know anything about me write to the chaplain. Goodbye, may God remain with you and yours forever is the prayer of your unfortunate friend and brother,

Benjamin Wade.

The poem referred to and written by Wade is as follows:

O dear mother, are you longing,
Longing for my face to see?
As of you I am always thinking,
Mother ever dear to me.
Since with you I've sweetly parted
Earth no more has light for me
And I'm waiting heavy hearted
For thy smiling face to see.

Now dear mother can you picture
What a happy home there'll be
In our Father's heavenly mansion,
Where there's room for you and me?
For I'm longing there to meet you
And do walk the golden street
For our heavenly father loves us
And prepares a place to meet.

Yes, dear mother, I'm so anxious
Just to see your face once more.
If on earth I fail to meet you
Meet me on the golden shore.
For its there I long to meet you
Where's no sorrow, no goodbye.
Just remember this, dear mother,
When I in the chair may die.

Fare thee well, my dearest mother,
I must bid you thus goodbye
For I am accused of murder
And though innocent [illegible]
Grieve not about my sad fate
For my sins have been forgiven
And I'll leave you now to meet you
In that happy home called heaven.

## MRS. DEPUE MAKES OWN FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

### Dies of Consumption After Illness of Four Years

Mrs. Elmer Depue of No. 1177 north State street, aged twenty seven years, died of consumption at [illegible] a. m. last Friday after an illness of four years.

Shortly before she died she made all her funeral arrangements, selecting the hymns to be sung at the service, her burial robe and attending to all other details.

The funeral service was held at 10 o'clock Monday morning at the house, Rev. J. [illegible] Lewis officiating.

The deceased was formerly Miss Mamie Frank of Upper Sandusky.

## DR. LEWIS IS RELEASED FROM SMALLPOX DUTIES

### Quarantine Was Raised Saturday on Three Convalescents

Dr. R. C. M. Lewis notified the board of health Thursday evening that his services as smallpox physician were no longer necessary and he was released by the board of health last Friday.

The three convalescents were released from quarantine Saturday and Ora Beasley, who is confined in the pest house, will be let out today.

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## QUIET WEDDING SURPRISES FRIENDS OF HAPPY COUPLE

### The Ceremony Quietly Performed at Epworth M. E. Parsonage

Mr. Albert Merkle and Miss Nellie Griffith, both of this city, were quietly married at the Epworth M. E. parsonage by Rev. A. E. Smith at 6:30 o'clock Thursday evening. The news of their marriage will come as a great surprise to their many friends. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple went to the home of the bridegroom on north Main street where they will reside for the present.

Mrs. Merkle is a charming young lady with a large circle of friends and until recently was employed as a clerk at the D. A. Frank & Company dry goods store. Mr. Merkle is a young man of sterling qualities and is employed as a plumber by T. M. Cunningham.

## BRYAN AGAIN WITH IMPLEMENT COMPANY

### He Returns to Marion After Nearly Year's Absence

James Bryan has returned to his home in this city after an absence of nearly a year to assume the superintendency of the Implement company. Mr. Bryan has been operating a [illegible] plant in Oregon and Idaho but the climatic condition had a bad effect on his health and he was compelled to return. Mrs. Bryan and daughter have arrived.

## MRS. EDWARD L. GRAY DIES OF PARALYSIS

### Passes Away at Her Home West of the City After a Week's Illness

Mrs. Edward L. Gray, aged twenty-seven years, died of paralysis at her home two and a half miles west of the city at [illegible] last Friday morning after a week's illness. A husband and two children, the youngest of whom is two weeks old, survive.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Anyone desiring a nice little business in Green Camp will do well to call upon Mrs. Alice Johnston.

# ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

### Marion Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Entertains Large Crowd.

## KNIGHTS AND FAIR LADIES SEATED AT BANQUET TABLE

### Harry N. Quigley Reviews History and Objects of the Order. Part of Evening Given to Dancing, Music and Cards—Successful Celebration of Fourteenth Anniversary

Marion Lodge, No. [illegible], Knights of Pythias entertained a company numbering about [illegible] knights and ladies at the hall in the Cummins Memorial block Friday evening in celebration of the fourteenth anniversary of the organization of Marion lodge and the fortieth anniversary of the order of Knights of Pythias. The invitations to all local knights and to those visiting in the city announced that a banquet would be served at 6:30 o'clock.

The company assembled at about the hour mentioned and as the guests arrived they were extended a cordial greeting by the reception committee composed of Messrs. Benjamin Sprague, W. B. Everett, Grant E. Mouser, Edward K. Uhler, C. Z. Zachman, R. T. Lewis, Samuel E. Mantz, O. F. Finn, E. D. Coon, R. M. Shute and J. A. Wilson.

A brief season of informal social intermingling was passed in the main hall which had been appropriately decorated with festoons of red, white and blue and the guests were then ushered to the banquet hall which had also been prettily decorated and presented a most inviting appearance.

The banquet was concluded at 8:30 o'clock and the company assembled in the main hall where a brief address was delivered by Harry N. Quigley in which the objects of the order and its history were reviewed very entertainingly.

The remainder of the evening was given to music, dancing and cards, the affair as a whole proving one of the most pleasant in the social history of the order.

## WINNIE STEVENS AND KATE POWELL ARRESTED

### Both Women Are Located at Wichita Kansas

A special despatch from Wichita, Kansas, announces the arrest of Kate Powell and Winnie Stevens, formerly of this city, who have been indicted in connection with John Sawyer for the killing of William F. Muth in a resort at Bucyrus several days ago. The despatch states that the women were arrested on information furnished by the sheriff of Crawford county. The officer traced them to Cage, Oklahoma, and from there to Wichita. They were richly dressed and had plenty of money.

The despatch says that when arrested the women stated that they were witnesses to the killing but denied that they had any part in it and that they also informed the Wichita authorities that the killing was done by a rival of Muth for the hand of one of them. Both agreed according to the despatch to return to Ohio without extradition papers.

It will be remembered that the victim of the murder was fatally clubbed in a Bucyrus resort and that Winnie Stevens it was announced at the time of the killing was with Muth.

Winnie Stevens was reared in this city and is a sister of Dick Stevens who was sent to the Columbus workhouse from here a few days ago.

More Evidence.

It Is Coming in Rapidly in Marion.

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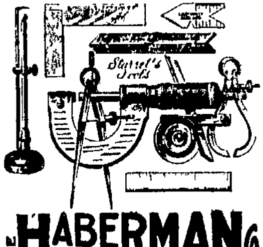

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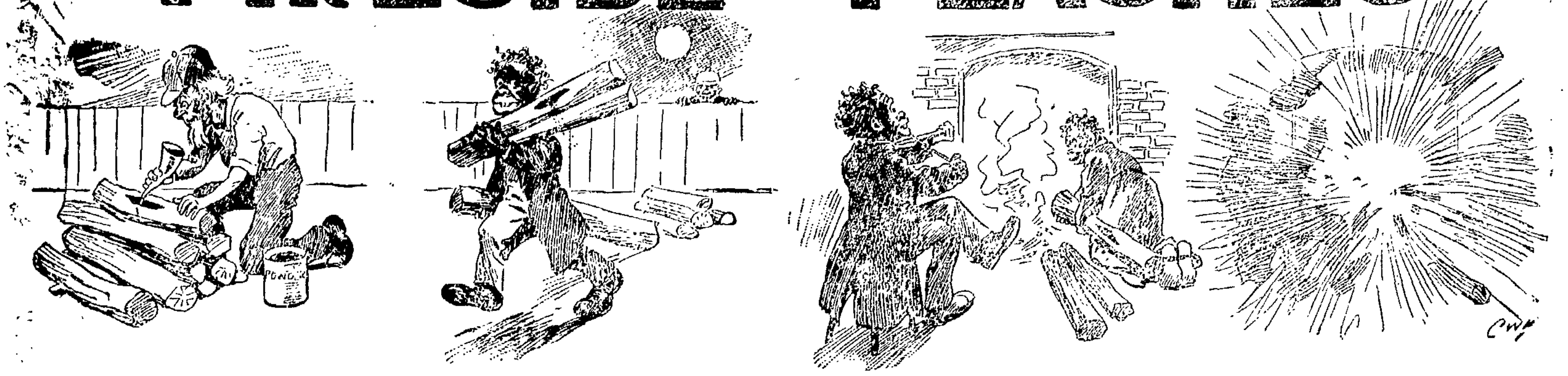


## A DUTIFUL DAUGHTER.

Mr. Jilted: "You must admit that you gave me some encouragement."
*Miss Jilter: "Yes; you see, father says that the first essential in the development of character is to learn to say no, and I wanted you to practice on."*

## HIS MEASURE TAKEN.

Mr. Oldboy: "I can marry any girl I please."
Miss Youngbud: "Can you give me the name of any girl whom you please?"

## THERE ARE OTHERS.

Algy: "Was that you I kissed on the veranda the other night?"
Evelyn: "Well—er—about what time was it?"

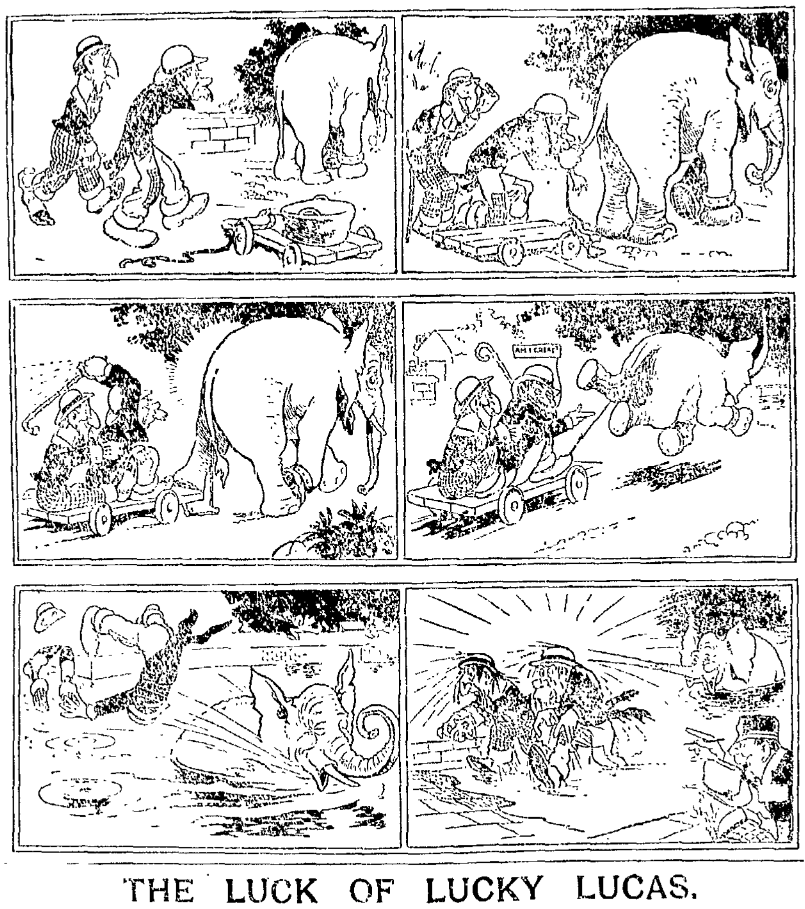
*"Is he a good comedian?"*

"Well, yes—that is, when he tries to do tragedy."

## AT THE ASYLUM BALL.

"Why did you refuse to dance with that gentleman?"
"He's not in my set. He is curable."

## TURN ABOUT IS FAIR PLAY.



## BAD ADVICE.

She—Did you let papa win from you at poker the way I told you?

He—Yes, and he said a man that played such a fool game should never marry his daughter.

## MIGHT BE THE REASON.

"Why did I not see you at the ball last evening?" asked the neighbor who liked to be disagreeable.

"Of course I cannot say positively," replied the little woman who had not been invited and who readily saw the motive back of the question, "but it is barely possible that it was because I wasn't there."

## LOGICAL.

Mother — Freddie, your face and hands are never clean. I don't know where all the dirt comes from.

Freddie—Mother, didn't you say we were made of dust?

Mother—Yes. Well?

Freddie—Well, this dirt must be the dust coming through.

## TRYING TO PLEASE HIM.

Fond Parent—It is very cruel of you, Bobby, to throw hot pennies out to that monkey.

Bobby—That's all right, mamma. It makes him think that he has money to burn.

## AN EXPENSIVE LUXURY

[illegible] I thought I would [illegible] from Dr. Gilroy today. He talks by the hour.

Mr. L.—Is that so? And he charges by the minute.

## REASONABLE ENOUGH.

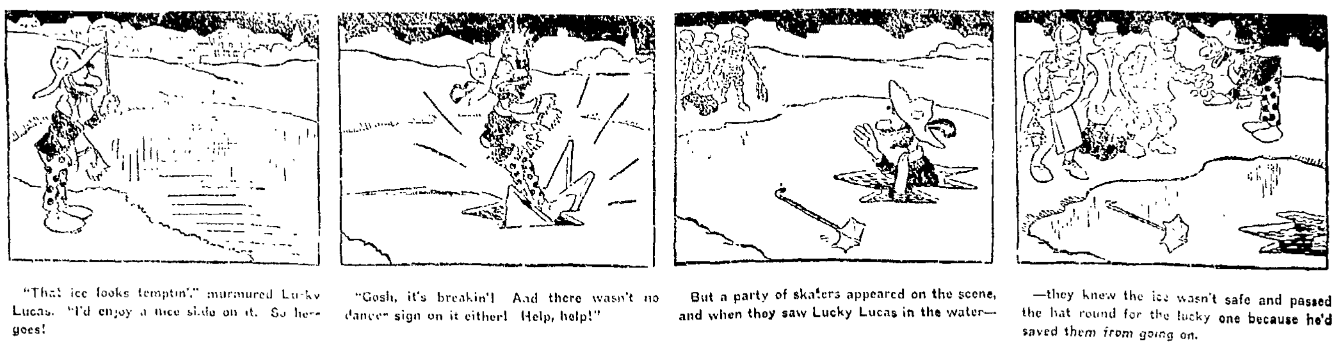
An unmarried gentleman caller was cuddling a baby which the mother intrusted to his arms with some distress. He observed that she was somewhat doubtful of his nursing capacity, and to allay her fears he said:

"Oh, I know all about babies."

"Why?" said the mother anxiously.

"Well, oh—er—you see that is, I was once a baby myself," replied he.

## THE LUCK OF LUCKY LUCAS.



"That ice looks temptin'," murmured Lucky Lucas. "I'd enjoy a nice slide on it. So here goes!"

"Gosh, it's breakin'! And there wasn't no danger sign on it either! Help, help!"

But a party of skaters appeared on the scene, and when they saw Lucky Lucas in the water—

—they knew the ice wasn't safe and passed the hat round for the lucky one because he'd saved them *from going on.*

### Awkwardness and Diplomacy.

Miss Jinks—I have tried my best to get my father to exchange our square piano for an upright, but he won't. I told him the uprights were the best and most stylish and most fashionable and all the society folks had them, but he only got mad.

Miss Binks—My father consented the moment *I spoke to him.*

"Of all things! What did you say to him?"

"I told him the uprights made less noise."—New York Weekly.

### Legal Lore.

Just after the war an old darky came up to the governor and said:

"Marster, kin you make me jestice ob de peace?"

"*Well, Uncle Ned,* in a case of suicide what would you do?"

Uncle Ned thought deeply. "Marster, I'd make him pay de costs ob de court and support de child."—Lippincott's Magazine.

### A Husband of the Right Sort.

Charles—My wife's handwriting is awful! Just look at that letter.

His Friend—How do you manage to *read it?*

Charles—I don't. I just send the check.—Detroit Free Press.

### Lucky Man!

"Well, Jones has struck it rich a last!"

"You don't say?"

"Yes; his wife allows him $2 a wee out of his salary now!"—Atlanta Co stitution.

The *only source of iodine* is the ni rate of soda refineries of Chili, whe it occurs as a waste product. The go ernment, having a monopoly of the ni rate industry, permits but a sma amount of the iodine to be markete in order that an exorbitant price m be maintained.

Of all newspapers in the world si ty-eight in every one hundred a printed *in the English language.*

## Local Time Car

### RAILROAD

UNION DEPOT.

EASTBOUND.

| | |
|---|---|
| No. 10, daily | 11:50 |
| No. 8, daily | 5:40 |
| No. 16, daily | 12:45 |
| No. 4, daily | 6:55 |
| *No. 14, daily | 11:00 |
| No. 22, arrives, except Sunday | 10:00 |
| No. 36, local frt. except Sunday | 2:40 |

C. AND E. DIVISION.

| | |
|---|---|
| No. 3, daily | 10:25 |
| No. 21, daily except Sunday | 7:00 |
| *No. 13, daily except Monday* | 3:15 |
| No. 7, daily | 12:10 |
| No. 37, local, except Sunday | 1:00 |

SOUTHBOUND, CIN. DIVISION.

| | |
|---|---|
| No. 9, daily | 12:20 |
| No. 3, daily | 10:25 |
| No. 13, daily except Monday | 3:15 |
| No. 57, Monday only | 3:55 |
| No. 37, local, except Sunday | 8:15 |

* No. 11 will carry passengers betw Chicago and Marion.
Note change in time.

## BIG FOUR ROUTE.

UNION DEPOT.

WESTBOUND.

| | |
|---|---|
| No. 11 | 6:18 a. |
| No. [illegible] | 9:53 a. |
| No. 29 | 1:58 p. |
| No. 7 | 4:42 p. |
| No. 43 | 7:27 p. |
| Local freight | 11:46 a. |

EASTBOUND

| | |
|---|---|
| No. 36 | 10:43 a. |
| No. 46 | 12:21 p |
| No. 3 | 6:22 p. |
| No. 16 | 7:11 p |
| No. 18 | 10:56 p |
| Local freight | 8:30 p |

Effect 9:20 a. m., June 14.
All trains daily except Nos. 3, 7 locals.

## Hocking Valley

UNION STATION TIME CAR

| North. | | South. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| No. 31 | 6:30 am | *No. 30 | 5:50 |
| No. 41 | 10:00 am | *No. 32 | 10:15 |
| *No. 33 | 10:15 am | No. 34 | 1:34 |
| No. 35 | 4:20 pm | *No. 42 | 6:10 |
| *No. 37 | 10:50 pm | *No. 36 | 7:10 |

No. 41 does not go north of Mario
No. 42 starts from Marion.
* Daily.
Effective December 1, 1903.
C. E. SARGENT, Age

PASSENGER TRAINS

## Pennsylvania Line

By Central Standard Tim

| | 441 | 445 |
|---|---|---|
| | AM | PM |
| SANDUSKY, Lv. | *6 15 | *7 00 |
| Bellevue | 6 45 | 7 30 |
| Attica | 7 13 | 7 59 |
| Bucyrus | 7 54 | 8 45 |
| MARION | 8 28 | 9 15 |
| Delaware | 9 05 | 9 55 |
| COLUMBUS, Ar. | 9 55 | 10 45 |

| | 440 | 444 |
|---|---|---|
| | AM | PM |
| COLUMBUS, Lv. | *6 45 | *S 10 |
| Delaware | 7 30 | 7 00 |
| MARION | 8 10 | 7 40 |
| Bucyrus | 8 43 | 8 13 |
| Attica | 9 30 | 8 55 |
| Bellevue | 10 00 | 9 25 |
| SANDUSKY, Ar. | 10 30 | 9 55 |

*Daily except Sunday. ( Su only.

*For time cards, rates of fare* thr tickets, baggage checks and furthe formation regarding the running trains, apply to N. E. Price, agent, Marion, Ohio.

E. A. FORD, Gen. Pas. Agent. Pittsburg.

# BALTIMORE'S COURAGE

## Phenixlike She Is Rising From Her Ashes.

### SIDELIGHTS ON THE FIRE'S EFFECT

**[illegible] the City's Enterprise Shown by the Announcements of Various [illegible] Firms—Running of a Newspaper Plant With Locomotives—[illegible] Incidents of the [illegible]**

[illegible] not down [illegible] over the [illegible] which [illegible] on Sunday Feb 7 [illegible] thin [illegible] the atmosphere [illegible] city was as full [illegible] of smoke and [illegible] until Sunday night before [illegible] Wednesday the local newspapers [illegible] list of firms and [illegible] had suffered complete [illegible] by that they secured [illegible] that in the smallest body [illegible] filled nearly two columns [illegible] were almost as [illegible] the revised lists of sufferers by the [illegible] says the New York [illegible]

[illegible] story of the enterprise of the [illegible] newspapers in issuing Mon[illegible] [illegible] Washington offices [illegible] A more interesting story is connected with the return to the city of two of the number and of [illegible] resumption of business The Baltimore News had purchased in Philadelphia a new printing plant complete [illegible] under control and [illegible] this time the machinery has been [illegible] an old foundry at Holliday and Center streets Two locomotives were leased from the Pennsylvania railroad to furnish steam power and the News and the Baltimore American will use the plant until the latter [illegible] has rebuilt its building and installed its own plant which in turn will be shared by the News while it is engaged in erecting a new building This probably is the first instance on record of running a newspaper plant with locomotives

On a recent morning a three stanza poem by S A Gillilan entitled The Spirit of the American was printed on the title page of the newspaper of that name The closing lines which well illustrate the spirit of the city in the first hours of its recovery from the shock of the disaster are as follows

I [illegible] down I'm not forsaken
Th[illegible] not [illegible]
S[illegible] future bring me glory
Greater than the past has known
[illegible] men's approval
[illegible] live through [illegible]
A[illegible] phenix [illegible] rising
[illegible] where I fell

Baltimore [illegible] saw little humor [illegible] situation It took a rank outsider to [illegible] the fact that there were [illegible] phases in the conduct of af[illegible] [illegible] something funny in the general suspension of work in the factories be[illegible] the danger zone on the day after [illegible] started in order that the employes [illegible] add themselves to the [illegible] of curiosity seekers besieging [illegible] military fire line No resident of the stricken city could see any inconsistency in the holiday [illegible] and general [illegible] which characterized that day

Only one from a distance could have a proper conception of the humorous sketch [illegible] a long line of applicants for [illegible] the office of the police com[illegible] [illegible] in the courthouse in which [illegible] owned property in the [illegible] district boys and girls armed with [illegible] and representatives of out of town newspapers were about equally [illegible]

One of the funniest incidents to an outsider [illegible] the local pride of Baltimore [illegible] the [illegible] of the loss Anyone [illegible] that the loss was not [illegible] than that [illegible] other fire that ever [illegible] was instantly and [illegible] [illegible] Here [illegible] persons who had [illegible] [illegible] of the meaning of the [illegible] to whether the loss was 100 000 000 or 200 000 000 were [illegible] and bets of [illegible] [illegible] sometimes offered [illegible] up the contentions of the [illegible]

[illegible] laborers got into a dis[illegible] [illegible] I tell you [illegible] [illegible] million [illegible] [illegible] Go way you [illegible] all the other sort of [illegible] finger mentioned [illegible] it have saved [illegible] that [illegible] and this was burn[illegible] [illegible] You [illegible] Baltimore [illegible] [illegible] bayonet between the [illegible] to avert bloodshed [illegible] crowd with [illegible] too scrupulous [illegible] one of the sentries [illegible] Lexington streets 'All [illegible] who was also [illegible] the command of Unit[illegible] [illegible] sent up from [illegible] [illegible] called [illegible] pulling a [illegible] [illegible] called the [illegible] for only [illegible] have to [illegible] pass [illegible] [illegible] self—he [illegible] martial [illegible] [illegible] tons of [illegible]

[illegible] conicly [illegible] presented to the [illegible] for two [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] war [illegible] Fort McHenry [illegible] the [illegible] entirely [illegible] the city is [illegible] no man can get [illegible] body [illegible] his wife [illegible] except over the dead body of [illegible] McCarthy

The advertisements in the Baltimore papers present an interesting sidelight on the effect of the fire upon the spirit of the city They certainly indicate that the spirit of enterprise has not been quenched by the great conflagration Already those whose business was interrupted are preparing to resume business Dealers in safes are prominent [illegible] announcing that they have expert safe openers and large stocks of safes on their way to their places of business Many insurance companies are taking advantage of the situation to advertise their surpluses and invite the placing of insurance with them after declaring their ability to pay all losses in full Firms which were burned out make known the location of their new offices some of which are in unusual places such as the assembly room of the Young Men's Christian association Firms which were not disturbed let it be known that they are still at the old stand [illegible] draw attention to the fact that they have saved all the papers of pending suits and are in a position to continue settling estates Dealers in [illegible] or those who have desk room to dispose of let the public know what they have to offer A legal notice refers to the request of the Savings Bank of Baltimore for temporary accommodation in the courthouse building The granting of this application is recommended by the chief judge of the supreme court in view of the wide representation of the Baltimore public among the depositors and approved by the mayor The only advertisement indicating a retrograde movement is that announcing the postponement of an oyster supper which was to be held on Feb 11 and 12 under the auspices of a fraternal order All in all, the advertising pages of the handicapped press of Baltimore reflect a hopeful state of affairs

## ECHO OF WAR IN COLLEGE

**Japanese and Russian Students on Verge of Clash In Philadelphia**

The Japanese and Russians of the college department of the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia had a little tilt in college hall the other morning,

Masazo Mori and Suyeichi Nakagawa who hail from Tokyo walked up to Michael Finaspelsky of Alexandrovsk Russia a freshman and holding before him a morning paper said Well how do you like the way the war is coming on'

A crowd of upper classmen soon gathered around to see the fun They gave a college yell for the Japanese and then another not so enthusiastic for the Russians

You just wait replied Finaspelsky shaking his fist in the enemies face The fight has only begun"

Sick him you Japs' chimed in the upper classmen And just then the approaching footsteps of the dean were heard causing the crowd to disband in haste

Later when Mori and Nakagawa entered their class rooms they were received by rounds of applause

Another victory for the Japs' shouted some one in the back row

**Diamonds Galore In Pugilist's Teeth**

Bob Fitzsimmons once champion heavyweight is back from Peoria Ill where a dentist completed an artistic job of filling 112 cavities in the pugilist's teeth with diamonds says a St Louis dispatch to the Chicago Record Herald The diamonds are for the [illegible] invisible but [illegible] [illegible] dentist let in [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] with the eccentricities of the case On three of the teeth a device has been set in small [illegible] On one tooth is the figure [illegible] another the letter F and on the third [illegible] C [illegible] the phrase Three times champion [illegible] Robert says he is [illegible] [illegible] to protect his diamonds from a strong arm men while in the world's fair city

**Remarkable Feat of a Gun**

One of the officers of the battleship [illegible] which has been engaged in target practice off the Chesapeake capes reported to the navy department the other day that one of the twelve inch guns being elevated seven degrees [illegible] a shell which the strongest [illegible] could not follow to the end of [illegible] says a Washington dispatch Later a passing steamer reported that the shot had struck the sea within 300 yards of [illegible] [illegible] was distant from the Missouri just fifteen miles

**Japanese War Bulletin**

One Japanese dealer in bronze and [illegible] in lower Broadway New York recently placarded his window with war bulletins including this in [illegible] says the New York Tribune

Japan overwhelms Russia's sea power Twelve Russian warships can [illegible] no more Special sale of the latter will be announced later"

**Tips In Japan**

In Europe it is always the rule of politeness to pay a trifle more than the sum mentioned in your hotel bill In [illegible] the account net would be considered [illegible] insult or at least a mark of great dissatisfaction People who have traveled in Japan say that the Japanese always tip the waiter on entering a hotel

**Japan's War Money**

The Japanese government is said by the twentieth authority to have 00 000 000 yen available for war purposes

# JAPAN'S WAR FLEET.

## FOURTEEN POWERFUL SHIPS IN MIKADO'S BATTLE LINE

**Manned by Jack Tars Who Are Proud of Their Naval Prowess—The Jap a Born Seaman — How He Fought at Yalu—Russia's Navy.**

The success of the Japanese in the opening engagement of the war in the far east shows that the yellow sailors are brave to the point of recklessness and that the stolid Russians are no match for them in naval warfare The attack on the Russian fleet at Port Arthur by which several of [illegible] first class ships were put out of commission was most daring and its results may be far reaching as the crippling of the Russian navy will apparently give Japan control of the [illegible] for [illegible] to come

The strength of the respective fleets of Japan and Russia in eastern waters at the opening of hostilities was about equal Japan's chief battle fleet consists of six new first class battle ships eight [illegible] armored cruisers which are almost as powerful as battle ships [illegible] battleship the Chin Yuen [illegible] from the Chinese

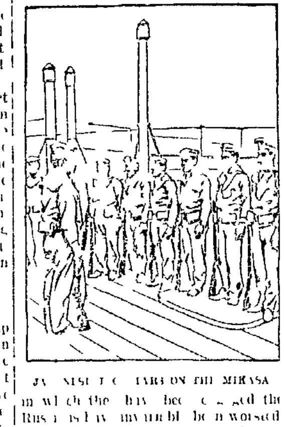
CLEARING FOR ACTION ON A JAPANESE WARSHIP

and of doubtful efficiency Besides these Japan has a numerous fleet of cruisers protected and unprotected nineteen torpedo boat destroyers and seventy torpedo boats

For the past year Russia has been steadily increasing the number of her fighting ships in the far east and before the first naval battle of the war she had on duty there seven battle ships of the first class four armored cruisers at Port Arthur and four at Vladivostok The Russians however are entirely outclassed in protected cruisers

But after all is said nearly every great naval victory of the past has been won not so much by ships as by that keen eyed marksman who is known to fame as the man behind the gun And here the odds appear greatly in favor of the Jap The ships of Japan are manned by true born sons of the sea intelligent and intensely patriotic men who have spent their lives on the waters which surround their island and who have been trained to the highest degree of efficiency The Jap fights with all the enthusiasm of one who has made his country's cause his own and it is characteristic of the little warrior that he never loses his head

The Russian ships are manned for the most part by landsmen who grew up in the fields They are brave enough but dull and devoid of education They fight merely because they have been ordered to do so In all naval battles



JAPANESE [illegible] TARS ON THE MIKASA

in which the [illegible] have been engaged the Russians have invariably been worsted In the war with China Japan demonstrated to the world that she had mastered naval science [illegible] At the battle of the Yalu River the Japs displayed a [illegible] and undaunted bravery that brought success against great odds The Japs had no battleships at that time and fought and whipped the Chinese armored ships with cruisers

To the skill and courage of Admiral Ito [illegible] with the splendid support given him by his officers and men in Japan [illegible] that September [illegible] When a hellish rain [illegible] the ammunition on the deck of the Matsushima his flagship enveloping the vessel in flames Ito gave orders to use the starboard battery while the flames were being extinguished on the port side In the midst of this terrible scene the Japanese sailors displayed the greatest coolness obeying orders with alacrity and calmly fighting their burning ship

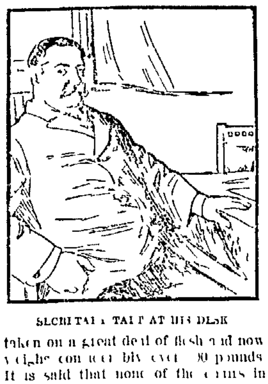
The Japanese sailor is [illegible] sinewy [illegible] and behind his kindly smile is a bundle of qualities for which the [illegible] world has been slow to give him credit He is the [illegible] of the Rising Sun and his modesty of demeanor [illegible] that conceals many sterling qualities He has [illegible] in naval war and amid all the terrors of fights afloat he did [illegible]

## BIG IN BRAIN AND BODY

**Secretary Taft, the New Head of the War Department**

Secretary William H Taft who succeeded Elihu Root as head of the war department on Feb 1 is a big man, physically as well as mentally During his college days Secretary Taft who is over six feet tall was an athlete and noted for his skill [illegible] boxer

Of late years especially while governor of the Philippine Islands he has



SECRETARY TAFT AT HIS DESK

taken on a great deal of flesh and now weighs considerably over [illegible]00 pounds It is said that none of the chairs in the war office would hold his generous bulk and it was necessary to have one built to order

Secretary Taft is a native of Cincinnati and has just passed his forty seventh birthday The post he now fills was once held by his father Alphonso Taft who was secretary of war and attorney general in Grant's cabinet

## JACK LONDON, AUTHOR

**How He Came to Be Imprisoned by the Japanese at Simonoseki**

Jack London the novelist who was recently arrested by the Japanese on suspicion of being a Russian spy is at present a war correspondent at the seat of trouble in the far east

While inspecting the fortifications at Simonoseki a strategical stronghold on the Korean strait Mr London took several snapshots with his camera He

JACK LONDON AS A WAR CORRESPONDENT

was at once arrested and placed in prison but was subsequently released through the intervention of United States Minister Griscom

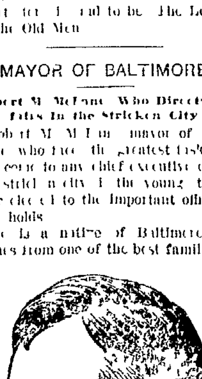
Jack London is a native of San Francisco and although only twenty eight has already won fame as a writer He left college to go to the Klondike and since then has had a varied experience as sailor seal hunter and traveler Among his best known books are The God of His Fathers and The Call of the Wild His favorite short story is said to be The League of the Old Men

## MAYOR OF BALTIMORE

**Robert M McLane Who Directs Affairs In the Stricken City**

Robert M McLane mayor of Baltimore who faces the greatest task that has come to any chief executive of the fire stricken city is the youngest man ever elected to the important office he now holds

He is a native of Baltimore and comes from one of the best families of



MAYOR ROBERT M McLANE

Maryland Mayor McLane was born in 1867 and was educated at Johns Hopkins university and at the law school of the Maryland university

After leaving college he began the practice of law in his native city and five years ago was elected its prosecuting attorney which office he satisfactorily filled until chosen mayor of Baltimore in the spring of 1903

# RUSSIA'S BIG TASK.

## FEEDING THE ARMY IN ASIA WILL TEST HER VAST RESOURCES

**Thousands of Troops Will Be Needed to Guard the Long Line of Communication — The Transsiberian Railroad**

Now that hostilities have actually begun between Russia and Japan the eyes of the world are centered on the contest for supremacy in Asia The first clash which resulted so disastrously for the czar's navy seems to be accepted by naval authorities as establishing Japan's superiority on the sea but not until several [illegible] engagements on land have taken place can there be any line on the comparative [illegible] of the soldier of the contending powers

At a casual glance it would appear that the Japanese have small chance of overcoming Russia with its army of [illegible]000 000 men to draw upon For actual campaigning purposes however the two nations must be placed much nearer on equality Military experts say that if Russia can place in the

COSSACKS ON GUARD ALONG THE TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILROAD

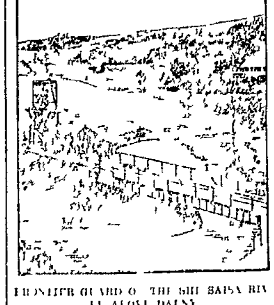
field of operation in Manchuria and Korea an army of 200 000 men and keep it strength up to that number until Japan has exhausted her fighting power it will be a test that will strain Russia's resources to the utmost

In the Transsiberian railway Russia has a strategic weapon which has alone made it possible for her to engage in war on a great scale at the extremity of her widely extended empire But the fact that the road is the only line of communication is a point that the Japanese are sure to make the most of

Russia's greatest difficulty will be in feeding her troops and in supplying them with munitions of war The long haul of more than 5 000 miles from the Russian capital presents great difficulties both in the matter of transportation and in guarding the line In Manchuria The Russians are said to thoroughly appreciate the great task which the guarding of a single line of such great length will impose on the army and throughout the danger zone it is now patrolled by Cossacks established in intrenched camps along the route

Their military position in this respect is similar to that which confronted the British in South Africa when the English had to keep an enormous number of troops to guard a long line of railway The Siberian line as well as the Manchurian branch is also light[illegible] built and the [illegible] the constant danger of a breakdown under the enormous military traffic at a critical moment

An English military authority who lately passed over the Transsiberian



FRONTIER GUARD ON THE SHI BAISA RIVER ABOVE DALNY

road says that Russia's task of guarding her railway line in wartime must necessarily be prodigious and gave it as his opinion that the Japanese would cut the line over and over again He said further that many Japanese officers disguised as Chinese coolies were [illegible] on the road ready to aid their compatriots when [illegible] opportunity offered Another weakness of the line is that about forty miles above Port Arthur the railway is run for many miles along the shore of the Yellow sea where it is almost indefensible from attack by a sea force

As early as last August there were said to be 201 000 Russian troops in and near Manchuria Since then they have poured in steadily and the total force is now believed to be not far short of [illegible]00 000 Against this army it is stated that Japan can dispatch an invading army of 170 000 men and 370 guns and still leave an equal force in Japan for home defense

The soldiers of the mikado can be fed without much difficulty so long as their navy remains intact The lower end of the Korean peninsula is only a few hours sail from Nagasaki the chief naval port of Japan Chemulpo is [illegible] miles distant while Port Arthur is less than 600 miles away

## DR ALLEN OF SEOUL.

**How the American Minister Won the Korean Ruler's Friendship**

Dr Horace Newton Allen United States minister to Korea whose duties will be strenuous in the event of war in the far east is the most influential man in Seoul his relations with the emperor being of the closest nature

In the fall of 1884 Dr Allen left this country as a medical missionary going first to China and about a year later to Korea Shortly after his arrival at Seoul he saved the life of a prince who had been wounded in an attack made by the Japanese on the palace This placed him in high favor with the emperor and he was soon established as court physician and political adviser and from that day to the present there has been no more powerful man in Seoul

In 1887 Dr Allen came to this country in charge of the Korean embassy [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] two [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] holding that position until [illegible] 1897 [illegible] [illegible] to this country [illegible] [illegible] Chicago World's Fair [illegible]

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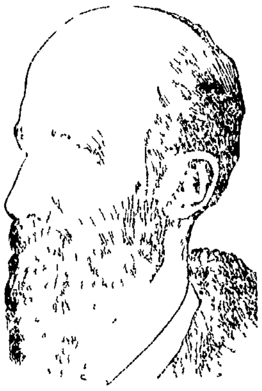

HORACE NEWTON ALLEN

the [illegible] of the [illegible] a few years ago Dr Allen was the first to reach the palace after that horrible affair and the emperor who was for a long time prostrated turned everything over to him and depended entirely upon him in preference to any of his own subjects

Dr Allen is a native of Delaware O a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan university and of the Cincinnati Medical college He is a descendant of Ethan Allen his father being a grandnephew of that famous patriot Dr Allen's wife was related to the late President Hayes They have two sons both born in the far east

## A RUSSIAN SOLDIER.

**General Kuropatkin, War Lord of More Than Five Million Men**

General Alexei Nicolaievitch Kuropatkin who as the czar's minister of war is master of the greatest army in the world is perhaps the most interesting and picturesque soldier of today Although not yet fifty five he has served his country for nearly forty years and has fought under the Russian banner in many a hard campaign winning worldwide fame as a successful warrior

General Kuropatkin is a favorite of his master and has won so many dec-

GENERAL ALEXEI KUROPATKIN

orations that there is scarcely room on his breast for the medals and stars that have come to him as an evidence of the czar's esteem

Years ago when he was a young man he was sent to Turkestan with the Russian advance and for several years fought the half wild Asiatic tribes After serving an apprenticeship in the east he returned to Europe and resumed his studies While in Paris in 1874 he won the decoration of the Legion of Honor the first Russian officer to do so The next year he went to Kokand and fought round the Pamirs in the country of Kuldja Khan

Then came the Russo-Turkish war and Kuropatkin was appointed chief of staff to General Skobeleff He distinguished himself in that war was twice wounded and came out a colonel Since then he has gradually risen in the service of the czar trusted with important undertakings and advised with upon every movement of the army He was appointed minister of war in 1898

General Kuropatkin is no carpet knight having probably had harder training and a greater practical experience than many of his predecessors in the office which controls Russia's [illegible] His strong hand is to direct the movement of the [illegible] in the far east

# RUSSIA'S WEAK RAILWAY

## Transsiberian Line's Failings Described by a Traveler.

### SAID TO BE MINED IN MANY PLACES

**Japanese Spies, Disguised as Chinese Coolies, Have Distributed Explosives Along the Track Says Charles Kliene, Shanghai Customs Inspector—Rails of Railroad Light and Ties Too Far Apart For Heavy Traffic**

'Japan could seriously injure the Transsiberian railway in a very few hours said Charles Kliene an Englishman twenty years in the Chinese customs service who arrived at New York recently on the [illegible] of the [illegible] says the New York Herald

From Port Arthur to Lake Baikal, somewhere in the neighborhood of 4000 miles [illegible] Mr Kliene, the road is [illegible] to be mined in various places At a given signal, or [illegible] the road could be damaged and connection between [illegible] and the [illegible] practically cut off

Mr Kliene recently traveled over the Transsiberian route on his way to England He is now on his way back to his post at Shanghai

Japan began to prepare for war long ago continued Mr Kliene 'For months Japs have swarmed over Manchuria and eastern Siberia getting information and making preparations [illegible] that could be learned they [illegible] and they are in a position [illegible] In every section gang of Chinese coolies along the railway there have been Japanese who had no [illegible] disguising themselves and [illegible] employed their spare time in distributing explosives along the track ready to be set off at the proper time Many of them had worked upon the line when it was building Others were skilled engineers, who [illegible] eyes and ears as well [illegible] The blowing up of the railroad bridge the other day is evidence of the truth of my assertion

Official corruption was responsible for the road being improperly constructed at the start Instead of being a well built safe and serviceable track from St Petersburg to the far east, the greater part of the Transsiberian railway is a cheap and dangerous makeshift

The rails are light and the ties too far apart to bear heavy traffic The former are twenty feet long and usually rest on three ties, one in the middle and one at each end In laying the ties the workmen simply cut down trees as they went along splitting the logs and laying the round side upper [illegible] The rails are insecurely fastened to the ties and to each other, not half the requisite number of rivets being used at the ends

To attempt to convey a large body of troops over the railway in a hurry would be attempting an impossibility. In the first place the trains cannot consist of more than four or five cars because of the character of the track Then partly for the same reason, a speed of much more than twenty miles an hour is not attainable Likewise the transportation of heavy guns would be attended with vexatious delays

The Chinese all along the road are in thorough sympathy with the Japanese All ill feeling engendered by the Chino Japanese war has died out, and Japanese spies will not lack support from the people among whom they work"

**Japanese Women In War Times**

Japanese women who have received part of their education in the United States deplore the restraint under which their sisters are held at home especially in these war times says the New York Press The wife of one of the wealthiest Japanese merchants in New York—she has been in that city eight years—said to a friend the day after the Russian fleet was attacked at Port Arthur The discussion or expression of an opinion by a woman on anything connected with the war would not be tolerated in Japan Perhaps it would be more correct to say that not one woman in a thousand possesses any knowledge on the subject or has the remotest idea what it is about but if that one dared to open her mouth she would be ostracized immediately Our sex at home is not supposed to have an opinion on anything I really was frightened [illegible] years ago when I heard your girls expressing themselves with the greatest freedom as to which side they believed to be right in the Spanish war We would no more do that—if we could —than we would fly'

**"Radium Sirup"**

A practical joke now common among Parisians is to go into a drug store and ask for 3 cents worth of radium At first the chemists took it good humoredly but lately it has become quite a nuisance One chemist in the Rue de Rivoli has just hit upon a way of getting even with the would be jokers He has made up a concoction which he calls radium sirup and when the practical joker arrives gravely hands out a small quantity charging an extra [illegible] cents for the bottle

**Descent of the Family Hat In Korea.**

A Philadelphian who has been in Korea over which the Russians and Japs are at war long enough to grow familiar with its customs says in the Philadelphia Record that one of the most unique and picturesque of them is the family hat that descends from father to eldest son The hat made from the hair of the family ancestors is a priceless possession and so carefully handled that it never wears out

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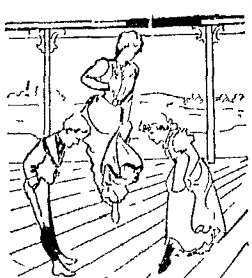

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# SUPERB SHOW MARE IS SOLD

### Rene Belle Goes to Prominent Columbus Horse Dealer.

### HER SIRE IS NOTED HUSTLER RUSSELL

**The Consideration Is Two Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars and an Expert's Opinion Is That She Will Bring Ten Thousand Dollars in the East.**

One of the most notable deals in horse flesh in the history of the county occurred Saturday when C. H. McCurdy, the well known local horseman, sold to Frank Mitchell, a prominent Capital City horse dealer, the superb show mare Rene Belle. The consideration was $2,500. She was taken to Columbus Monday.

Rene Belle is royally bred. Her sire is the noted Hustler Russell, [illegible] (he of Lord Russell and Grenadine by Princeps), while her dam is by Montague (brother to Charleston [illegible]) by the noted Bourbon Wilkes. To augment her royal blood on the maternal side through her second dam can be added the blood of Young Jim through his son Richwine.

Colonel Billy Moore, who is easily the most pronounced lover of horse flesh in the county and is authority on equine matters, says Rene Belle is the finest show horse he ever saw and that is just about meaning the finest afoot. He says that she is as near perfection as possible and that she can almost talk. She has the [illegible] in form and a fine trotting gait and he on the [illegible] pronounces her the fastest [illegible] trotting mare in the world. She has shown a two-minute gait for an eighth and that with her superb action makes the colonel think she will bring $10,000 in the East, where she will be entered in high class exhibitions after a course of training at Columbus.

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FARMER SHOOTS HIMSELF TO DEATH

**His Dead Body Found in Barn by Wife.**

Charles Stahl, a prominent farmer residing in Washington township, Hardin county, and quite well known throughout the western part of this county, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head at his home Thursday afternoon, February 18.

According to the story of the shooting as related by the Kenton Democrat, Mr. Stahl went to the barn to prepare a horse and buggy for the use of one of the members of the family. Sufficient time passed for the appearance of the rig and the delay causing some apprehension on the part of Mrs. Stahl, she entered the barn and found her husband dead upon the floor, a thirty-two caliber revolver in his hand and a bullet wound in his right temple.

The suicide came as a terrible shock to Mrs. Stahl and her four daughters, they having had no intimation of the intentions of the husband and father, who ordinarily was of a cheerful disposition, and although he had been in poor health for several months had manifested no touch of despondency. It is believed that the illness of the unfortunate man had temporarily dethroned his mind.

The funeral services were held at 10 o'clock Sunday.

## THE MARION PURE MILK COMPANY'S NEW OUTFIT

**A Large Refrigerator Is Placed in the Plant.**

The Marion Pure Milk company has just contracted with the Canton Refrigerating company of Canton for a five ton refrigerating outfit which will be installed at its plant on Belmont street by April 1.

With the addition of its own refrigerator system the company will not only largely increase its capacity, [illegible]

A new receiving station [illegible] been equipped at [illegible] where milk will be received from farmers [illegible] in that vicinity and hauled to the city daily via the interurban line.

The company also expects soon to be in the manufacture of ice cream for wholesale and retail trade.

## REV. J. HENRY MARTIN ACCEPTS FLORIDA PASTORATE

**His Health Materially Improved in Southern Climate.**

Rev. J. Henry Martin, the former pastor of the Calvary Evangelical church of this city, who went to Florida last fall on account of his health, has accepted the pastorate of Grace M. E. church at St. Augustine, Florida.

Mr. Martin's health has materially improved by his stay in southern climes, which enabled him to accept pastoral work.

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## CHARLES DOANE OVERCOME BY NATURAL GAS FUMES

**The Victim Is Revived After Some Difficulty.**

Charles Doane, who with his family occupies apartments in the [illegible] block on south Main street, was overcome by the fumes of burned gas emanating from a stove about [illegible] o'clock Sunday morning.

The gas stove had not been supplied with a pipe and the fumes having no other escape filled the room in which Mr. Doane was reading. Mrs. Doane, busy with her household duties, entered the room just as her husband, realizing that something was wrong, attempted to leave his chair. In his attempt to reach [illegible] he fell headlong to the floor unconscious. Mrs. Doane called neighbors to her assistance and the victim was removed to the open air, where his recovery was but partial.

Dr. I. M. Baldwin was called and experienced some difficulty in bringing about the desired results.

## ADMINISTRATRIX SALE OF MARION PROPERTY

**Jacob Weber Hotel Property Sold by the Sheriff.**

The property of the late Joseph J. Johnston was sold at administratrix sale Saturday afternoon. The livery barn located in the rear of the court house was sold to George H. Uhler, James L. Phillips and Edward S. Uhler for $[illegible]. The residence was sold to S. H. Delong for $[illegible]805.

The property of the late Jacob Kelb[illegible] was also sold at administrator's sale. A farm of 100 acres was sold to Jacob Kelber Jr. for $[illegible] and a property on High street was sold to A. Parr[illegible] for $1,515.

**Hotel Property Sold**

The Jacob Weber hotel property located on north State street was sold at sheriff's sale late Saturday afternoon to H. B. Hane for $1[illegible]00.

# CIRCUIT COURT IS REVERSED

### Decision in Case of Gompf Against Wolfinger.

### THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS IS SUSTAINED

**The Case Begins Many Years Ago as Result of Partitioning Land. Seven Minor Heirs of Katharine Kramer Lay Claim to Property. Long Case Closed.**

A telegram from Columbus announces a decision in the supreme court in the case of Lydia Gompf and others against Adam Wolfinger and others. The special states that the judgment of the circuit court for the plaintiff in error has been reversed.

As to the history of the case it has its beginning in 1868, when Christian Berringer died and left an estate of 170 acres of land to Mrs. Katherine Kramer, who was married to Frederick Kramer, and three other heirs. Later Frederick Kramer purchased the interest of Lydia Deitsch, and after this transaction John Berringer began a proceeding to partition the estate. As a result the property was partitioned and according to an agreement among the heirs to partition among themselves by quit claiming to each other, Mrs. Kramer received 117 acres as her share. She quit claimed to her brothers such interest as she might have in their portion of the estate, but they instead of quit claiming to her gave the property to her husband by quit claim deed. Mrs. Kramer could not under the circumstances bring a suit to have the property placed in her name, the law being such as to disqualify her in such a proceeding.

The property remained in the name of Frederick Kramer until 1878, when Mrs. Kramer died. In due time Frederick Kramer became involved and Adam Wolfinger, a creditor, brought suit to marshal liens against the land. Thereupon the seven minor heirs of Katharine Kramer laid claim to the land, alleging that their father only held it in trust.

In the court of common pleas the contention was sustained, while in the circuit court this decision was reversed. The case was taken to the supreme court, which reverses the decision of the circuit court and confirms that of the court of common pleas.

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Mr. Ross Mills of LaRue spent Sunday at Mt. Victory.

# CHILD HAS BUT PART OF SPINE

### After Living Twenty-Two Days the Infant Dies.

### PARENTS' HOME UNDER SMALLPOX QUARANTINE

**Case Considered Most Remarkable by Physicians—Mrs. Gaylord Null Dies of Consumption After Year's Illness. Interment Was Made in the Marion Cemetery.**

After living twenty two days with only a part of a spine the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Harvey, residing two miles north of the city, died at 7 o'clock Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harvey at No. 803 north State street. The case is considered a most remarkable one by physicians.

The child was born with a part of the spine missing—probably three or four inches. Doctors say that in cases of this kind a child seldom lives longer than three or four days at the most.

Since the child's birth the home of the parents had been under smallpox quarantine, a hired girl having contracted the disease. Sunday morning the quarantine was lifted and the child was taken to the home of the grand parents, dying two hours afterward.

The funeral service was held at the house Monday afternoon, followed by interment in the Marion cemetery.

**Mrs. Gaylord Null Dead**

Mrs. Gaylord Null, aged forty-eight years, died at 2:5[illegible] o'clock Sunday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Pryor, at No. 2[illegible]4 Leader street. She died of consumption after a year's illness.

A husband and two children—Mrs. Henry Pryor and Mrs. George Bissell of this city—survive. The funeral service was held Tuesday afternoon at [illegible] o'clock at the Wesley M. E. church, Rev. R. D. Cutler officiating. Interment was made in the Marion cemetery.

## QUIET MARRIAGE CAUSES VERY PLEASANT SURPRISE

**Miss Barbara M. Ruth Weds Charles W. Skeele of Toledo.**

The friends of Miss Barbara M. Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Ruth of Pearl street, were given a very pleasant surprise Monday by the announcement of her marriage to Mr. Charles W. Skeele of Toledo, Sunday afternoon, the marriage ceremony being performed at Monroe, Michigan.

The relatives of the young people were informed of their approaching marriage but their closest friends were not in touch with their intentions and so the announcement comes as a surprise.

Mrs. Skeele is a young lady of many pleasing qualities and has a host of friends here, while her husband, a traveling salesman in the employ of a leading wholesale house of Toledo, is highly regarded by those who know him in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Skeele will reside in Toledo.

## DECISION DAY SERVICES AT CALVARY EVANGELICAL CHURCH

**Services Held for Benefit of Pupils of Sunday School.**

The Decision Day services held at the Calvary Evangelical church Sunday morning at the close of the Sunday school hour attracted quite a large attendance and were entered into with much interest.

The services were held for the benefit of the pupils of the Sunday school to afford them an opportunity to declare themselves for Christ. At the close of the service the pupils were assembled about the altar and the meeting was concluded with a season of testimony.

Rev. L. B. Myers delivered an address based on Jude 21, "Keep yourselves in the love of God." The sermon was received with much interest and illustrated fully how many people are observing the forms of the church but are not of the true Christian spirit.

## MARION MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION MEETS

**Pastors Are Urged to Push Local Option Movement.**

The Marion Ministerial association met at the Y. M. C. A. building Monday morning. Secretary L. B. Myers gave his report of the mass meeting held at the Epworth M. E. church last Sunday. He estimated the attendance at [illegible] and reported that the collection amounted to $1[illegible]10. The collection was taken to defray the expense of the meeting.

It is probable that another mass meeting will be held at an early date, but nothing definite has yet been decided.

At the meeting Monday morning the ministers present were urged to stand by the association in its work and push the local option movement along with all the vim and vigor possible.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Martin of Silver street, Sunday evening.

Benjamin Huff of Perrin street, employed by the Marion Steam Shovel company, was struck in the left eye by a sliver of steel Thursday morning. The steel imbedded itself in the ball but did not affect the sight. The sliver was removed by Dr. L. B. Sawyer.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] of south Main street had one of the bones of her left hand badly mashed in the cogs of a wringer [illegible] one day at her parents' home.

Mr. D. W. Murphy [illegible] broke his right arm near the wrist Sunday.

Mr. S. Riley of LaRue spent Sunday at Hepburn.

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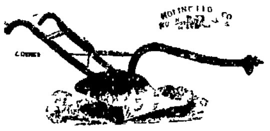

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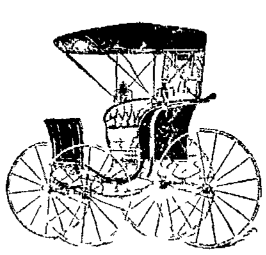

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